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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, ON PAGE 170]

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6 \SUP. HILDA SOLIS: I'D LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER,
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 15TH. AND THIS MORNING
8 WE'LL BE LED BY THE INVOCATION BY PASTOR SALVADOR FERRARO AND
9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY SERGEANT LOPEZ. VANESSA LOPEZ. PASTOR?

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11 PASTOR SALVADOR FERRERO: GOOD MORNING. BOW YOUR HEADS TO
12 PRAY.LORD, TODAY WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY
13 YOU HAVE GIVEN US. RAINY DAY, BUT WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE
14 HERE TODAY GATHERED LORD, TO INVOKE YOUR NAME, FATHER. YOU ARE
15 CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. YOU CREATE EVERYTHING VISIBLE AND
16 INVISIBLE, LORD. AND WE THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR THIS BIG
17 OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THIS PLACE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT YOU
18 HAVE A SERVANT'S HEART AND YOU WANT US ALSO TO BE SERVANTS OF
19 YOUR CREATION, FATHER. SO WE ASK YOU TODAY THAT YOU COME TO
20 THIS PLACE. WE CALL YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO THIS PLACE, FATHER.
21 YOU CAN FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY, WITH LOVE, MERCY. AND WE ASK
22 YOU, LORD, A SPECIAL BLESSING TODAY IN THIS MEETING THAT YOU
23 LEAD THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL THE DECISIONS THAT THEY
24 ARE MAKING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY, LORD, PLEASE BE
25 GUIDED BY YOU. SO, LORD, WE ASK YOU THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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1 AND AS YOUR WORD SAYS "COMMIT YOUR WAYS TO THE LORD AND YOU
2 WILL FULFILL EVERYTHING IN YOUR HEARTS." LORD, WE PRAY THE
3 PRAYER YOU GIVE US ACCORDING TO JESUS. "OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN
4 HEAVEN. HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE
5 DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY YOUR DAILY
6 BREAD AND AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US AND LEAD
7 US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. DELIVER US FROM EVIL." SO LORD IN YOUR
8 NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

9

10 **VANESSA LOPEZ:** PLEASE RISE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF
11 YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A SALUTE. PLACE YOUR RIGHT
12 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] YOU MAY
13 BE SEATED.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE
16 OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR FERRARO FOR LEADING US TODAY IN
17 TODAY'S INVOCATION. PASTOR FERRARO AND HIS FAMILY ARE
18 ORIGINALLY FROM TIJUANA MEXICO AND HAVE SERVED THE SAN DIEGO
19 AREA FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS. HE WAS ORDAINED BACK IN 2009 FROM
20 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE. SALVADOR FERRARO CURRENTLY SERVES
21 AS A PASTOR AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MONTEBELLO. PASTOR
22 FERRARO'S VISION AND DESIRES TO MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE OTHER
23 DISCIPLES TO GROW IN LOVE OF CHRIST AND WALK IN GOD'S WAY AS
24 HIS CHILDREN. THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

3 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO

4 VANESSA LOPEZ. VANESSA LIVES IN WHITTIER. SHE IS A SERGEANT IN

5 THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE. HAS SERVED SINCE 2007 AND IS

6 THE RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS, INCLUDING

7 THE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

8 THE ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL. VANESSA IS THE

9 MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, VICTOR AND LOGAN AND HAS LIVED IN THE

10 FOURTH DISTRICT FOR SOME FIFTEEN YEARS SO ON BEHALF OF THE

11 BOARD WE WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER SERVICE AND THANK YOU FOR

12 TAKING THE TIME AND STRUGGLING THROUGH THE WET WEATHER TO GET

13 DOWN HERE WHICH IT TOOK EVERYONE A LONG TIME TO GET HERE

14 TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, VANESSA. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR.

17 MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA

18 ON PAGE 4, PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. AS INDICATED ON THE

19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM S-2, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS

20 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 6, 2015. ALSO AS

21 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS, ITEM S-3, DISCUSSION

22 AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COUNTY-WIDE MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE,

23 THIS ALSO INCLUDES AGENDA ITEMS NO. 3, 26, 58, 60-A AND 60-B.

24 ON PAGE 5, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE

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1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, THIS ITEM IS
2 BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECOND
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA
8 FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.
9 ON ITEM 1-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 HELD. ITEM 2-P IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 7, ITEMS 1
16 THROUGH 22. ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A
18 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 3,
19 THIS WILL BE HELD WITH ITEMS S-3, 26, 58, 60-A AND 60-B. AND
20 ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 HELD. EXCUSE ME. ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTES NO. ON
22 ITEM NO. 6, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF
24 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 8,
25 SUPERVISORS KUEHL, SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS VOTE NO AND A

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1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
2 NO. 12 AND ITEM NO. 13, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
3 REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20 AND ITEM NO. 21
4 AND ITEM NO. 22, A MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
5 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
9 THOMAS. SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM THE 21,
12 CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 23 THROUGH 55, ON ITEM 23, A MEMBER OF
13 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 24, THE INTERIM
14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
15 TO OCTOBER 6, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 25, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 26, THIS ITEM
17 WILL BE HELD WITH ITEMS S-3, 3, 58, 60-A AND 60-B. ALSO ON
18 THIS ITEM, COUNTY COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THAT THE AGENDA ENTRY BE
19 REVISED TO READ "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES." THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, SECOND
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 28,
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. ALSO ON THIS
3 ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
4 ON ITEM NO. 30, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2015. ON ITEM
6 31, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON THIS
7 ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, A
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 32
9 AND 33, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS
10 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK -- THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE
11 WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2015. ON ITEM 34, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
12 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR KNABE
13 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22,
14 2015. ON ITEM 38, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THIS
15 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2015. ON ITEM 47,
16 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 49,
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
18 SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 51, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 52 -- ACTUALLY ON THIS
20 ITEM NO. 52, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE MOVED
21 INTO CLOSED SESSION AS EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO
22 PARAGRAPH 1 OF SUBDIVISION D OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
23 54956.9 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
24 HELD. ALSO ON ITEM 53, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS
25 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 54, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS

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1 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA
5 SOLIS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 40,
8 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 56 THROUGH 58. ON ITEM 56,
9 THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 6, 2015. ON ITEM 57, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
11 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES,
12 CHANGING THE SALARIES OF THREE NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEE
13 CLASSIFICATIONS. AND ON THIS ITEM, WE WILL HOLD FOR A MEMBER
14 OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 58, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
15 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION
16 AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE BY
17 AMENDING THE TITLE 8 ADDING DIVISION 4, ADDING A CHAPTER AND
18 ADDING SECTIONS. AND ON THIS ITEM, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD WITH
19 ITEMS S-3, 3, 26, 58, 60-A AND 60-B. OPEN PAGE 41, DISCUSSION
20 ITEM. THIS ITEM 59 WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 42,
21 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSED MORE
22 THAN 72 HOURS OF ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 60-A, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD WITH
24 ITEMS S-3, 3, 26, 58 AND 60-B. ON ITEM 60-B THIS ITEM WILL BE

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1 HELD WITH ITEMS S-3, 31, 26, 58, AND 60-A. ITEM 60-C IS BEFORE
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA
5 SOLIS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 60-D IS BEFORE
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.
11 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 60-E,
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD AND A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 60-F
16 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 45, NOTICES
22 OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS-1, CS-2 AND CS-4, WE WILL HOLD
23 THESE ITEMS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THAT COMPLETES THE
24 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
25 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THE MAYOR HERE, I WOULD LIKE LUIS MARQUEZ TO
5 JOIN ME, PLEASE. AS THE GOOD MAYOR IS WALKING FORWARD, TODAY
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF ARE HONORING LUIS MARQUEZ,
7 THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY AND RECOGNIZING HIM FOR HIS
8 SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ECO-RAPID TRANSIT, A 13-MEMBER
9 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. UNDER HIS
10 LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL COMMITMENT AND THOSE OF HIS
11 COLLEAGUES, THE ECHO RAPID TRANSIT HAS MOVED FORWARD WITH
12 PLANNING FOR THE WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH, CREATED A MULTI
13 JURISDICTION TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT GUIDE BOOK AND HAS
14 WORKED WITH THE BOB HOPE AIRPORT IN BURBANK TO DEVELOP A
15 GROUND ACCESS PLAN. MAYOR MARQUEZ SHOWED HIS ABILITY TO
16 MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE OTHERS, SETTING THE STAGE FOR FUTURE
17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ECO-RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR
18 IN THE GATEWAY CITIES AS WELL AS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.
19 SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY, I KNOW MIKE HAS A FEW WORDS TO SHARE, AS WELL, TOO. WE
21 WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE MAYOR AND THANK HIM FOR HIS
22 TWO YEARS AND ONGOING LEADERSHIP IN THE THE ECO-RAPID TRANSIT
23 AREA.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME JUST ECHO THOSE REMARKS. IT'S
2 BEEN GREAT WORKING WITH YOU AND WE CONTINUE TO WANT TO WORK TO
3 IMPROVE OUR TRANSPORTATION IN OUR COUNTY REGION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **LUIS MARQUEZ:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE ENTIRE BOARD
7 FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THIS IS AN ONGOING GRADE OF J.P.A. THAT
8 WE'RE WORKING WITH ALL THE CITY AGENCIES, BOB HOPE AIRPORT.
9 HAVE SOME OF OUR STAFF HERE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE ADOMA
10 HERE AS WELL REPRESENTING ECO-RAPID. IT'S AN IMPORTANT TRANSIT
11 LINE THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR THE SOUTHEAST PART OF L.A.
12 COUNTY BRINGING YOU FROM CERRITOS ALL THE WAY TO LOS ANGELES
13 AND ALL THE WAY UP TO SANTA CLARITA. SO WE'RE EXCITED. WE'RE
14 VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THE SUPERVISORS ON BOARD BEING SUPPORTIVE
15 OF THIS PROJECT AND WE LOOK ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS
16 PROJECT COMING TO FRUITION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU.

17 [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL TODAY WE'RE RECOGNIZING A GROUP
20 OF LEGISLATORS FROM PANAMA, EL SALVADOR. AND I HAD THE
21 OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH THEM YESTERDAY AND BRIEFING THEM
22 ON THE COUNTY STRUCTURE, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, HOW WE HAVE 88
23 CITIES. THE INTERPRETER'S SITTING DOWN. DO YOU WANT TO COME
24 UP? COME ON. YOU DID A LOT OF WORK YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT.
25 COME ON. ANYWAY, THEY'RE HERE TO SEE HOW THE FUNCTION OF

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1 GOVERNMENT IS. AND THIS IS A GROUP OF YOUNG ELECTED MEMBERS OF
2 THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURES OF AS I SAID, COLOMBIA, EL SALVADOR
3 AND PANAMA. THEY ARE VISITING THE UNITED STATES TO STUDY AND
4 REPORT BACK ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
5 PUBLIC SAFETY WITH THE GOALS OF FORMALIZING PUBLIC POLICIES
6 AND PERHAPS LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE THEIR GROWTH IN THEIR
7 ECONOMIES IN THEIR LOCAL COUNTRIES. THE VISIT IS BEING
8 SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
9 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE, A
10 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BY A GROUP OF FORMER
11 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY WORLDWIDE. AND BY THE
12 INSTITUTE FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, A PRIVATE
13 ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR ELECTED
14 OFFICIALS FROM DEVELOPING, NEWLY DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES. THE
15 DELEGATION HAS MET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, MEMBERS IN
16 WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH THE SHERIFF, OUR CHIEF OF POLICE AND
17 THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS I SAID, I
18 MET WITH THEM AND AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO PRESENT THEM TO THE
19 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WELCOME THEM HERE. AND WE
20 LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSER COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION. SO
21 CONGRATULATIONS. NADIA. [APPLAUSE.] SYLVIA? [APPLAUSE.]
22 MICHELLE? [APPLAUSE.] JACQUELINE? [APPLAUSE.] JOSE?
23 [APPLAUSE.] JAVIER. [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL FIRST AND FINALLY SUCH AN HONOR FOR US TO BE
2 HERE THIS MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK FIRST OF ALL THE
3 ENTIRE BOARD FOR HAVING US HERE. AND WE HAVE BEEN TRAVELING
4 WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE BEEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND
5 NOW WE ARE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE HAD AROUND 20 MEETINGS
6 NOW WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE, CONGRESSES, SENATORS, MANAGERS, WE
7 ARE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE
8 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COLLECT VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT IS GOING
9 TO BE WORTH FOR US TO APPLY AND TO LEARN SOME THINGS IN OUR
10 OWN COUNTRIES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALSO THE
11 INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE BECAUSE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY
12 AND EACH ONE OF YOU TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH, MAYOR. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY WHICH IS A SERIOUS NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION
17 CHARACTERIZED BY THE ABNORMAL BUILDUP OF THE FLUIDS IN THE
18 BRAIN AND THE [INAUDIBLE] OF THE BRAIN. THERE'S NO KNOWN CURE
19 FOR THIS WHICH AFFECTS AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION AMERICANS OR 1
20 OR 2 IN EVERY 1,000 BABIES WHO ARE BORN WITH THIS AND OVER
21 375,000 OLDER AMERICANS HAVE ACQUIRED THIS AND OFTEN GOES
22 UNDETECTED OR IS MISDIAGNOSED AS DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
23 OR PARKINSON'S DISEASE. THERE ARE FEWER THAN 10 CENTERS IN THE
24 UNITED STATES SPECIALIZING IN THIS TREATMENT OF ADULTS WITH
25 NORMAL PRESSURE HYDROCEPHALUS. EACH YEAR, PEOPLE IN THE UNITED

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1 STATES SPEND IN EXCESS OF \$1 BILLION TO TREAT THIS. WITH
2 APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WITH
3 HYDROCEPHALUS, THEY ARE ABLE TO LIVE FULL AND PRODUCTIVE
4 LIVES. AND TO HAVE THIS PROCLAMATION ONCE AGAIN FOR SHARON
5 RAGHAVACHARY AND HER SON JOSH WHO WAS DIAGNOSED AT EIGHT
6 MONTHS OF AGE WITH THIS. SHE AND HER FAMILY HAVE SHOWN GREAT
7 COURAGE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THEIR DISABILITIES. AND THEIR
8 LITTLE WONDERFUL DAUGHTER, BIGGER SISTER, IS HERE EACH YEAR
9 WITH US. AS I SAY, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S BEEN 12 MONTHS
10 SINCE WE HAD THIS PRESENTATION BEFORE BECAUSE THE TIME GOES BY
11 SO FAST. SO SHARON AND HER FAMILY HAVE BEEN QUITE INVOLVED AND
12 WE APPRECIATE HER LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN BRINGING
13 ATTENTION TO THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO GIVE YOU
14 THIS PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SHARON RAGHAVACHARY:** WE'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
17 AGAIN THIS YEAR. THIS IS OUR 10TH YEAR COMING BEFORE THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF HYDROCEPHALUS. PEOPLE
19 DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS DISEASE IS. MY SON HAS HAD HYDROCEPHALUS
20 SINCE HE WAS EIGHT MONTHS OF AGE. IT'S AN ACCUMULATION OF
21 FLUID ON THE BRAIN. AND HE HAS A SHUNT WHICH DRAINS OFF THE
22 EXCESS FLUID. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT A CURE. IT'S BARELY
23 A TREATMENT. SHUNTS FAIL. 50 PERCENT OF THEM FAIL WITHIN TWO
24 YEARS OF PLACEMENT. JOSH HAS HAD ONE REVISION. HE'S VERY
25 FORTUNATE TO ONLY HAVE HAD ONE. THERE'S A SAYING IN THE

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1 HYDROCEPHALUS COMMUNITY THAT "SIX IS COMMON AND ONE HUNDRED IS
2 NOT UNHEARD OF." SO SOME OF THESE KIDS HAVE 100 SURGERIES,
3 BRAIN SURGERIES, BEFORE THEY'RE 18. SO WE'RE TRYING TO RAISE
4 AWARENESS BECAUSE WITH AWARENESS COMES MONEY FOR RESEARCH SO
5 WE THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR ALWAYS BEING SUPPORTIVE OF US AND
6 WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION WHICH HAD BEEN
10 FOUNDED IN 1958 ON BEHALF OF THE 18,000 RETIRED COUNTY
11 EMPLOYEES. THIS ORGANIZATION HELPS PROTECT THEIR PENSION AND
12 MEDICAL BENEFITS. TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP, THEY RECENTLY
13 BEGAN HOLDING PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS AT VARIOUS COUNTY
14 FACILITIES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PLANNING FOR
15 RETIREMENT. THIS CAN SEEM OVERWHELMING FOR MANY AND MANY
16 EMPLOYEES ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS PROCESS AND DO NOT KNOW HOW TO
17 GET STARTED. THE PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS HAVE REPRESENTATIVES
18 FROM LACERA, THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND THE
19 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COUNTY'S DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAMS.
20 TODAY WE HAVE THE PRESIDENT DAVID MUIR, THE VICE PRESIDENT,
21 GREG WALLA, THE TREASURER DIANE SANDOVAL, SECRETARY MARY
22 RODRIGUEZ, PAST PRESIDENT BILL DELAGARZA, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF
23 RECRUITMENT WHO ATTENDS MOST OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS, JASON
24 WILLIAMS. SO LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION.
25 CONGRATULATIONS.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE
3 HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE
4 HONORED WITH THIS SCROLL. I'M FORTUNATE TO BE RELAC'S
5 PRESIDENT FOR A COUPLE YEARS NOW. PRIOR TO THAT, I WAS CHIEF
6 COUNSEL OF LACERA FOR 15 YEARS UNTIL I RETIRED IN 2009. AND
7 I'M CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT ELECTED BY
8 THE RETIREES, SO I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE RETIREMENT
9 SYSTEMS AND THE DIFFICULTY IT IS IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING
10 A PROPER RETIREMENT SYSTEM. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR IMPLEMENTING A SYSTEM THAT IS
12 SUSTAINABLE AND REASONABLE. AND WHEN RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
13 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND EVEN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WERE
14 ENHANCING BENEFITS IN A SOMEWHAT UNREASONABLE WAY, OUR BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS RESISTED THAT. AND THAT IS PAYING OFF IN A VERY
16 BIG WAY TODAY. OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE STRUGGLING MIGHTILY WITH
17 HUGE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES. AND THE COUNTY AND LACERA ARE
18 REALLY DOING VERY WELL. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT OF ALL THE
19 BENEFITS THAT ARE PAID BY LACERA, 70 PERCENT ARE FUNDED BY
20 INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND 20 PERCENT IS
21 FUNDED BY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS. ONLY 10 PERCENT IS FUNDED BY
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL
23 CONTRIBUTION TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS A VERY SMALL AMOUNT,
24 VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL COUNTY BUDGET. AND THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUES TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO

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1 ENHANCE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. AND I
2 HAVE BEEN WATCHING THAT AND KEEPING TRACK OF IT. AND I WRITE
3 ABOUT IT IN OUR SEMI OR MONTHLY OR NEWSLETTER THAT'S PUBLISHED
4 TWICE A MONTH TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS INFORMED OF YOUR WONDERFUL
5 WORK. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT
6 THE L.A. COUNTY'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS A MODEL THAT OTHER
7 GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A
8 PROPERLY DESIGNED AND RUN DEFINED-BENEFIT PLAN CAN BE VERY
9 SUCCESSFUL. IT'S REALLY EXHIBIT "A" FOR THE ARGUMENT THAT ALL
10 WORKERS SHOULD HAVE A DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN, BOTH IN THE
11 PRIVATE AND IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. SO, AGAIN, IN CLOSING, WE
12 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EACH MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD TO
13 OUR ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 28 AT THE
14 [INAUDIBLE] COURT, AND FINALLY THANK YOU AGAIN SO MUCH FOR
15 RECOGNIZING RELAC AND THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO THE RETIREES
16 OF THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE A THREE MONTH OLD MALE
19 CHIHUAHUA MIX WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND THIS LITTLE BOY IS
20 NAMED STORMY. SO IT'S AN APPROPRIATE NAME FOR TODAY. THIS IS
21 STORMY. A LITTLE CHOCOLATE WITH A LITTLE WHITE PATCH LOOKING
22 FOR A HOME. SO ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE STORMY ON THE DAY
23 OF OUR FIRST BIG RAIN, OUR PRE EL NINO. YOU CAN ADOPT HIM. YOU
24 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE 562-256-1649. AND LITTLE STORMY WILL
25 BRING SUNSHINE TO YOUR HOME. A LOT OF SUNSHINE. OKAY. THIS IS

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1 LITTLE STORMY. LITTLE STORMY LOOKING FOR A HOME. SAYING HIS
2 PRAYERS RIGHT NOW. SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME A
5 PRESENT. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. IT'S MY GREAT HONOR TODAY TO
6 WELCOME STUDENTS FROM ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FIRST
7 DISTRICT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD. THEY ARE KNOWN
8 AS THE ROUGH RIDERS. ROOSEVELT MATH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
9 MAGNET ACADEMY HAS MADE HISTORY TODAY THAT WILL INFLUENCE THE
10 LIVES OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO
11 COME. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, A SCHOOL WHOSE POPULATION
12 IS PREDOMINANTLY LATINO HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AT A NATIONAL
13 LEVEL FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY. THESE
14 STUDENTS ADDRESS CURRENT -- YEAH, THEY DESERVE A ROUND OF
15 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] THESE STUDENTS ADDRESS
16 CURRENT LEGITIMATE ISSUES THAT ARE OCCURRING AND IMPACTING AND
17 SHAPING OUR COMMUNITIES WITH THE DATA-DRIVEN RESEARCH. THESE
18 STUDENTS WILL REPRESENT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN WHAT IS
19 KNOWN AS AN S.E.T.D.A. LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IN VIRGINIA. THANKS
20 TO THE ELSIE BRUMBACK SCHOLARSHIP THAT THEY HAVE ALSO EARNED,
21 THIS HONOR IS BEING GIVEN TO THEM AS WELL FOR THEIR SUCCESSES.
22 ALTHOUGH ROOSEVELT, AS YOU KNOW, IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE VERY
23 LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WHERE FAILURE IS
24 USUALLY SYNONYMOUS WITH THE AREA, I HAVE TO TELL YOU I'M SO
25 PROUD OF THESE VERY BRIGHT MINDS THAT ARE HERE TODAY. VERY

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1 BRIGHT MINDS. [APPLAUSE.] MEN AND WOMEN, OUR FUTURE LEADERS.
2 SO I AM PROUD TO PRESENT THE ROUGH RIDERS THEIR CERTIFICATE OF
3 RECOGNITION MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY MAGNET ACADEMY WITH
4 OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF L.A.
5 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THEM! DO YOU
6 WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WANT TO THANK OUR
9 TEACHERS WHO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE VISION FOR OUR STUDENTS AT OUR
10 SCHOOL ESPECIALLY MISS IM AND MISS RAMIREZ WHO ARE STANDING
11 RIGHT BEHIND US. THIS IS A PROJECT THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR
12 ALMOST FOUR, FIVE YEARS NOW AND IT'S JUST GOTTEN BETTER EACH
13 YEAR. SO TO HAVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR IT IS QUITE AN
14 HONOR, NOT JUST TO THEM BUT TO ALL THE STUDENTS BACK HERE WHO
15 PUT IN COUNTLESS HOURS AND PUT IN THE RESEARCH AND WRITING.
16 ALL THOSE ESSAYS AND USING THE TECHNOLOGY IN A WAY THAT REALLY
17 I THINK PUT THEIR VOICE FORWARD JUST ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO WE
18 ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THEM. WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF ALL OF
19 YOU. AND I ALSO WANT THE THANK ALL THE PARENTS WHO SUPPORTED
20 THEM, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAD THOSE LATE NIGHTS GETTING ALL
21 THIS WORK DONE FOR US. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
22 YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR RECOGNITION.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. SI SE PUEDE. ALL RIGHT.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK WE OUGHT
4 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND GIVE THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE ANOTHER
5 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY'RE DOING GREAT THINGS. THEY'RE
6 DOING GREAT THINGS. AND WE OUGHT TO COLLECTIVELY BE VERY PROUD
7 OF THEM. AS IS THE CASE WITH THIS PRESENTATION THAT I OFFER,
8 IT'S A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WELCOME OUR FRIENDS AND
9 LEADERS AT THE L.A. FUND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, BOTH MEGAN
10 CHERNIN WHO IS THE FOUNDER AND MELISSA INFUSINO WHO IS THE
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM WITH A ROUND OF
12 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'LL RECALL THAT LAST MONTH WE
13 CELEBRATED THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE
14 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. SOME WILL
15 RECALL THAT AFTER DECADES OF AGITATION AND EVEN PROTESTS, THIS
16 NATION FINALLY GUARANTEED WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE. AND WHILE
17 PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO
18 SUPPORT THE CLAIM THAT THERE'S STILL MUCH MORE TO OVERCOME. I
19 THINK IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT NATIONALLY WOMEN REMAIN GREATLY
20 UNDERREPRESENTED IN BUSINESS, CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING,
21 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
22 STEM AND IN PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, AS WELL.
23 GENDER INEQUALITY IS COMPOUNDED FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF COLOR
24 WHO ARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEY COMPRISE SOME 83
25 PERCENT OF THE FEMALE POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY

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1 LINE. DATA THAT IS WORTH OUR BEING REMINDED OF. YET, HERE IS
2 SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION THAT I THINK YOU WILL WANT TO
3 KNOW AND CELEBRATE. SINCE 1979, WOMEN HAVE OUTNUMBERED MEN IN
4 AMERICAN COLLEGES. THERE'S NO SURPRISE ABOUT THAT FOR OBVIOUS
5 REASONS. SORRY, FELLOWS. AND IN EVERY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
6 SINCE 1980, A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN HAVE VOTED
7 THAN ELIGIBLE MEN. INTERESTING DATA TO BE REMINDED OF. SO WE
8 KNOW THAT BARRIERS ARE LIFTED WHEN THEY ARE LIFTED, GIRLS AND
9 WOMEN AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE EDUCATION AND ENGAGE IN CIVIC
10 ACTIVITIES. SO THIS FALL, THE L.A. FUND WILL LAUNCH "GIRLS
11 BUILD L.A.." AN EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE THAT WILL CHALLENGE
12 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO IDENTIFY THE BIGGEST BARRIERS
13 TO THEIR SUCCESS WITHIN THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES. THE GIRLS
14 WILL FORM TEAMS AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL THEN BE
15 FUNDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE L.A. FUND. SO TO KICK OFF
16 GIRLS BUILD L.A., THE L.A. FUND WILL HOST THE WEST COAST
17 PREMIER OF "HE NAMED ME MALALA" ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT THE
18 MICROSOFT THEATER AT L.A. LIVE. THE DOCUMENTARY TELLS THE
19 STORY OF MALALA, A TEENAGE GIRL WHO WAS TARGETED BY THE
20 TALIBAN FOR DARING TO ATTEND SCHOOL. SHE WAS LITERALLY SHOT IN
21 THE HEAD WHEN SHE REFUSED TO STAY HOME. AT THE AGE OF 17, SHE
22 BECAME THE YOUNGEST PERSON TO BE AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE
23 AND HAS BECOME THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION OF
24 GIRLS AND WOMEN WORLDWIDE. WE CELEBRATE THAT. AND RATHER THAN
25 HOSTING A STAR- STUDED SCREENING OF L.A. FUND WILL SCREEN THE

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1 FILM FOR APPROXIMATELY 7,000 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS FROM
2 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS SO THAT THEY CAN
3 WATCH THE STORY OF ONE OF THEIR PEERS WHO EXERCISED
4 ELECTRIFYING COURAGE IN PURSUING HER EDUCATION AND EXERCISING
5 HER CIVIC VOICE. THE REST OF US WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL
6 NOVEMBER TO SEE "HE NAMED ME MALALA." BUT LADIES AND
7 GENTLEMEN, WE ARRANGED FOR A SNEAK PREVIEW TODAY SO WE'RE
8 GOING TO ASK YOU TO TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE VIDEO.

9

10 **VIDEO:** I AM 66 MILLION GIRLS FOR THE PRIDE OF EDUCATION. I'M
11 NOT A LONE VOICE. I AM MANY. AND OUR VOICES ARE OUR MOST
12 POWERFUL WEAPONS. ONE CHILD. ONE TEACHER. ONE BOOK. AND ONE
13 PEN. THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. MY FATHER ONLY GAVE ME MALALA.
14 HE DIDN'T MAKE ME MALALA. I CHOSE THIS LIFE AND NOW I MUST
15 CONTINUE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED, A TRUE STORY OF INSPIRATION. I'M
18 THANKFUL TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING THE MOTION
19 THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAVE PUT FORWARD TO FUND BUSES
20 THAT WILL TRANSPORT THE STUDENTS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS
21 TO THE MICROSOFT THEATER SO THAT THEY CAN ENJOY A ONCE-IN-A-
22 LIFETIME EXPERIENCE. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
23 TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE
24 COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE L.A. FUND IN THIS EFFORT. MAY I
25 TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PARKS AND RECREATION

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1 DEPARTMENT, THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
2 THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AS WELL AS METRO. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG
3 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SO IN SUPPORT OF
4 THESE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY DECLARE OCTOBER THE 25TH --
6 OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015 AS GIRLS EMPOWERMENT MONTH.
7 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO CELEBRATE THE VERY VALUES
8 THAT WE OFTEN SPEAK OF AND TO INDEED PUT THOSE ON FULL
9 DISPLAY. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF SHE WOULD
10 BE KIND ENOUGH TO JOIN ME HERE AT THE MICROPHONE AND MAKE A
11 FEW REMARKS. PLEASE WELCOME HER.

12
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. JUST
14 SIMPLY SAID, I THINK THE DOCUMENTARY SAYS IT ALL. YOU DON'T
15 HAVE TO BE A SCIENTIST, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROMINENT
16 ELECTED OFFICIAL TO RECOGNIZE THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT A
17 YOUNG WOMAN PROVIDED FOR SO MANY AROUND THIS WORLD BY SPEAKING
18 UP, BY HAVING THAT VOICE. SO TODAY WE CELEBRATE THAT. WE LOOK
19 FORWARD TO OCTOBER. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF OUR
20 YOUNG WOMEN CELEBRATING THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THEIR FREEDOM AND
21 THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK OUT. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR
22 ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT OCCASION. THANK YOU.
23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THEN IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THE L.A. FUND FOR ALL THAT IT HAS DONE AND WHAT IT
4 IS DOING AND IT IS THE STROKE OF CREATIVITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND
5 PUT FORWARD IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER GIRLS BUILD L.A. MONTH. WE
6 HEREBY DECLARE THAT. AND WE DO IT WITH GREAT RESPECT FOR YOUR
7 LEADERSHIP IN THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO BEAR. THANK
8 YOU AND WE PRESENT THIS TO YOU NOW. MEGAN CHERNIN, FOUNDER,
9 L.A. FUND.

10

11 **MEGAN CHERNIN:** I JUST WANT TO AGAIN THANK THE BOARD OF COUNTY
12 SUPERVISORS FOR GETTING THIS EXCITING INITIATIVE OFF TO AN
13 AMAZING START. WITHOUT THE TRANSPORTATION, YOU KNOW THAT'S
14 OFTEN A BARRIER -- THE FIRST BARRIER THESE SCHOOLS FACE. SO
15 THE IDEA THAT WE'VE ALREADY FIGURED TRANSPORTATION OUT THANKS
16 TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS IS FANTASTIC. AND ALSO THE
17 TREMENDOUS CONNECTIONS THEY'VE MADE WITH THE OTHER OFFICES
18 AROUND L.A. COUNTY, THE LIBRARY, THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND
19 THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION. I WANTED TO SAY THAT THE MOVIE OPENS
20 WIDE OCTOBER 2ND. SO YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO
21 SEE IT. AND WE ALREADY HAVE A WAIT LIST. ONE OF THE SCHOOLS
22 THAT WAS HERE EARLIER, ROOSEVELT MAGNET IS ALREADY REPRESENTED
23 AT THE SCREENING. BUT THE MALALA FUND, IF YOU CONTACT OUR
24 OFFICE AND YOU KNOW OF GROUPS OF OTHER SCHOOLS WHO WOULD LIKE
25 TO ATTEND THE SCREENING BUT HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUT BECAUSE THIS

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1 THEATER ONLY SEATS 7,000, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE'LL MAKE
2 CONNECTIONS HAPPEN THERE. BUT THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GETTING US
3 OFF TO A REALLY WONDERFUL START OF A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM FOR
4 GIRLS. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. MAYOR, I
7 RETURN THE MICROPHONE TO YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL FOR 1, 8, 34,
10 53, 52. MR. PREVEN, 20, 21, 23, 25, 28, 47, 53, 54 AND 57, CS-
11 2, 12 AND 52. AND MR. SACHS, 1-P, 6, 8, 13, 22, 25, 51, 53,
12 57, CS-1, CS-2, CS-4 AND 52.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT ITEM NO. 8 BE
15 REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
18 ORDERED. 8 IS REFERRED BACK TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S OFFICE.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD
21 DISTRICT, COUNTY DISTRICT 3. TODAY THERE IS A VERY LARGE
22 AGENDA. ITEM NO. 36, I WOULD JUST ASK SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO HAVE
23 A LOOK CAREFULLY. ALL THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD LOOK CAREFULLY.
24 IT IS A JOB ORDER CONTRACT THAT HAS GONE A BIT AWRY. THERE WAS
25 SOME CONTROVERSY BETWEEN HARRY JOH, ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS AND

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1 NEW CREATIONS, THE ONE WHO ULTIMATELY WON. BUT WHAT'S OF
2 CONCERN BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE. I BROUGHT IT UP ON
3 SEPTEMBER 1 THAT THIS WAS A 55 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR JOB ORDER
4 CONTRACT BID TO WIN, WHICH I THOUGHT SEEMED VERY LOW, HOW CAN
5 THEY DO IT? BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT HERE IS THERE'S A
6 FIVE-PAGE LIST OF PARKS AND REC MAINTENANCE NEEDS THAT
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL INCLUDE SOME THINGS IN YOUR DISTRICT AND SOME
8 OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS. THE ONES THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WE
9 HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT ARE THE GOLF ITEMS. THERE'S
10 ABOUT \$10 MILLION. THERE IS \$5 MILLION FOR A LAKEWOOD MASTER
11 PLAN IN THERE. THERE'S A \$3 MILLION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR THE
12 EL CARISO PROGRAM IN DISTRICT 3. AND THEN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
13 YOU SHOULD PAY ATTENTION I THINK 1.7, IT'S NOT CLEAR. IT'S
14 ABOUT IRRIGATION OUT OF WHITTIER NARROWS WHICH IS YOURS. THESE
15 ARE ALL MANAGED BY A COMPANY THAT'S VERY WALL STREET-Y. I AM
16 VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT THIS BEING A WAY OF HELPING THESE GUYS OUT
17 BY TAKING CARE OF THEIR MAINTENANCE NEEDS AHEAD OF THE MANY
18 OTHERS THAT ARE LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT SO PLEASE, PLEASE,
19 PLEASE, DELAY THIS, LOOK CLOSELY AND MOVE FORWARD IN A
20 DIFFERENT WAY. THERE ARE A COUPLE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES THAT I
21 SHOULD MENTION. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR NOTICING,
22 ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL, WHOEVER IT WAS, THAT THE L.A. TIMES 60-E
23 HAS CHANGED OWNERSHIP. THAT IS INTERESTING AND STRANGE. WE
24 SHOULD LIKE LOCAL FOLKS TO BE INVOLVED. SO THANK YOU FOR
25 MENTIONING THAT ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND SUPERVISOR

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1 KNABE'S SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED SO WE'LL
2 DISCUSS IT LATER, I GUESS. ITEM NO. 53 IS A CASE THAT I JUST
3 WANTED TO RAISE, YOU KNOW. IN 2011, THIS WAS A CASE WHERE
4 THERE WAS VIOLENCE WITH A FLASHLIGHT AGAINST A GUY. IT'S 2015,
5 I WOULD NOTE, AS THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN'S FINALLY BEING
6 ARTICULATED. SO LEST THAT BE-- THAT'S A LESSON FOR US THAT WE
7 NEED TO MOVE MORE AGGRESSIVELY WHEN THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS LIKE
8 THAT. AND FRANKLY ITEM NUMBER 52, IF I HAVE IT CORRECTLY, IS
9 KIND OF A SIMILAR THING. PEOPLE ARE ACCUSED OF MAKING FALSE
10 STATEMENTS IN A D.C.F.S. CONTEXT, A WARRANTLESS DETENTION,
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I DON'T KNOW. SHOULD WE BE DOING THE SAME
12 KIND OF, WOW, BECAUSE WE HEAR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM
13 TALK ABOUT PEOPLE MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS AND GOING IN THAT
14 DIRECTION. AND WE ALWAYS ASSUME IT'S CRAZINESS. OR YOU ALWAYS
15 ASSUME IT'S CRAZINESS. THOSE OF US OUT HERE LISTEN INTENTLY
16 AND REALLY ARE WORRIED. AND I KNOW YOU ARE WORRIED, TOO. I
17 HOPE YOU TAKE SOME ACTION ON THAT. THERE'S A BIG GIFT AT ITEM
18 NO. 5 TODAY FOR HEAL THE BAY. IT'S ACTUALLY NOT THAT BIG A
19 GIFT, BUT IT'S EXCITING. CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION. IT'S
20 ABOUT \$80,000. 10,000 FOLKS ARE GOING TO HELP CLEAN UP THE
21 BAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

24

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
2 DOCTOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 1 EVERY TIME WE HAVE
3 COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO THE H.I.V. COMMISSION I COME WITH
4 THE SAME STATEMENT. THEY CANNOT ALL BE H.I.V. POSITIVE OR
5 PROVIDING CARE TO H.I.V PATIENTS WHICH THEY DO. AND I THINK
6 ONE DAY WILL GET CAUGHT ON THIS ONE. WE ARE ON ITEM 8 ABOUT
7 THE GREEN SHEET TRANSPARENCY, I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE
8 DISCUSSED BUT I GUESS NOT. I THINK AN ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE
9 DEALT ABOUT THE SAME WAY WHEN YOU HAVE THINGS ON THE AGENDA,
10 YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE AT THE LAST MINUTE TO
11 CONTINUE THOSE ITEMS. YOU HAVE DONE THAT REPEATINGLY FOR THE
12 LAST FEW YEARS BUT DEFINITELY THAT'S A VIOLATION UNDER THE
13 BROWN ACT. ON ITEM 34 HAVING TO DO WITH IMPACTED HOSPITAL, I
14 AM KIND OF SURPRISED THAT YOU ARE DOING AN EXTENSION AND IS NO
15 MENTION AS OF TODAY HOW MANY PATIENTS HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED
16 VIA THE 911 TO M.L.K. AND I THINK FOR THE D.H.S. TO ASK
17 ADDITIONAL TIME TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION IT WOULD BE NICE TO
18 ALREADY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON NOW. APPARENTLY THEY DON'T. BUT
19 TO EXPAND ANOTHER \$3 MILLION FOR JUST BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DO
20 THEIR HOMEWORK WHEN WE COULD USE THAT MONEY TO CREATE THE
21 DIVERSION PROGRAM OR MENTALLY CARE FOR THE YOUTH WE HAVE HERE.
22 SO OTHER ITEM I WAS SPEAKING ON IS 52. I THOUGHT I HAD HEARD
23 YOU WERE GOING TO PUT IT TO A CLOSED SESSION? BUT IT'S GETTING
24 REALLY UPSETTING THAT ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THIS BOARD HAS GIVE
25 AWARDS FOR PEOPLE FROM D.C.F.S. WHEN REPEATEDLY THEY BREAK THE

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1 LAW. AND THE TWO ITEMS, 52 AND 54, ONE LIE ABOUT PRETENDING AN
2 ACCIDENT NEVER HAPPENED, AND THE OTHER ONE AGAIN ABOUT THE
3 CHILD MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS, I MEAN, YOU KNOW HE HAS BEEN ON
4 AN ONGOING BASIS SOME INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FROM SOME OF THE
5 EMPLOYEES FROM D.C.F.S. PERSONALLY, YOU KNOW, I FEEL UNTIL
6 THEY HAVE RESOLVED THEIR ISSUES AND MEET STANDARD OF ETHICS.
7 NO WORD GO TO ANYBODY FROM D.C.F.S. I THINK THEY CAN PUT
8 PRESSURE ON EACH OTHER SO THEY BE APPROPRIATELY. AS LONG AS
9 THEY RECEIVE A WORD, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE AND THAT'S
10 REALLY ABSURD WHAT I'VE SEEN HERE ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. AND I DID HOLD SEVERAL
16 ITEMS. I HELD ITEM 1-P. YOU'RE GIVING OUT AGAIN EXCESS FUNDS,
17 COUNTY FUNDS AND EXCESS CITY FUNDS VIA THE 1996 PROPOSITION,
18 PARKS PROPOSITION WITH THE ASSESSMENT. BUT SINCE THE NEW
19 ASSESSMENT WAS DEFEATED LAST YEAR, YOU HAD ASKED FOR A REPORT
20 BACK ON PROJECTS. YOU NEVER GOT THAT -- DID YOU EVER GET THE
21 REPORT BACK? IT'S NEVER BEEN MADE PUBLIC. SO HOW CAN YOU BE
22 GIVING AWAY FUNDING WITHOUT GETTING A REPORT BACK? I'M PRETTY
23 SURE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED FOR A REPORT
24 BACK ON PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE, I HATE TO USE THIS WORD, THE
25 PIPELINE; NEVER GOT A REPORT. I DID HOLD ITEM 22 THAT REFERS

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1 TO PROP-A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM AND 1-D MEASURE R LOCAL
2 RETURN BUDGET FOR MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS' DISTRICT, THE SECOND
3 DISTRICT. NOW, JUST THINK. WHEN METRO JUST DID THEIR BUDGET,
4 THEY CAME IN FOR MEASURE R. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE, WHAT? \$40
5 BILLION OVER 30 YEARS, WHICH IS \$1.3 BILLION A YEAR. YOU
6 HAVEN'T EVEN MADE \$800 MILLION A YEAR YET. BUT JUST THINK. IF
7 YOU HAD A BILLION DOLLARS IN MEASURE R SALES TAX, THAT MEANS
8 YOU'D HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT FOR PROP-A AND PROP-C, WHICH WOULD
9 BE \$3 BILLION IN SALES TAX REVENUE. BUT YOU LIED ABOUT THAT.
10 JUST THINK IF IT WERE 3 PERCENT OF THAT WOULD BE LIKE \$30
11 MILLION. THAT WOULD BE \$90 MILLION FOR THOSE PROGRAMS, PROP-A,
12 PROP-C AND MEASURE R. WHERE'S THE MONEY AT? MAYBE IT'S THAT
13 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. OR MAYBE LIKE WE HEARD FROM THE GUY
14 TALKING ABOUT THE PENSION, HOW WONDERFUL YOU DID. DIDN'T YOU
15 HAVE -- DIDN'T YOU HAVE A \$26 BILLION UNFUNDED LIABILITY FOR
16 THE RETIREMENT FUND? WASN'T IT ON YOUR AGENDA FOR LIKE SIX
17 YEARS? AND THIS GUY COMES UP AND SAYS "YOU'RE DOING A
18 WONDERFUL JOB"? \$26 BILLION YOU HAD TO OWE OUT, PAY OUT. AND
19 THEN SACHI WENT TO NEW YORK A COUPLE WEEKS, ONE VISIT, COMES
20 BACK, PROBLEM SOLVED. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WAS IN HER
21 SUITCASE. PROBABLY WASN'T A SUBWAY SANDWICH, THAT'S FOR SURE.
22 \$26 BILLION, BOOM, RIGHT OUT THE WINDOW. I HELD SOME CLOSED
23 SESSION ITEMS. WE NEVER HEARD ABOUT MAX HUNTSMAN HAVING ACCESS
24 TO THE SHERIFF'S REPORT PROBLEMS. DID HE EVER GET THAT
25 RESOLVED? NO. CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS OUGHT TO BE LOOKED

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1 INTO. AND YOU HAVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROFESSIONAL PEACE
2 OFFICERS. ANYBODY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN
3 THAT OTHER THAN THE NEGOTIATORS?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL. SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. IS THE DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY? OKAY. SET ITEM S-1, WE HAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
8 WITH US THIS MORNING. MS. LACEY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, WHILE WE ARE ON A QUICK PAUSE,
11 MAY I TAKE THE POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
12 FIRE DEPARTMENT AGAIN WHO LAUNCHED THEIR GIRLS CAMP THIS PAST
13 WEEK. CHIEF OSBY AND THE WHOLE TEAM, THEY'VE DONE
14 EXTRAORDINARY WORK WITH [INAUDIBLE] AND THE WHOLE CREW OF
15 THOSE WHO ARE LEADERS ESSENTIALLY TAKING THE BOARD'S
16 INSTRUCTIONS SERIOUSLY ABOUT GENDER EQUITY CONCERNS IN THE LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE SHOULD GIVE THEM A BIG
18 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR GIRLS CAMP. AND WE WANT TO THANK
19 THEM FOR WHAT THEY'RE DOING. [APPLAUSE.] IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
20 THAT THEY HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING THAT THEY WANT TO PRESENT
21 FROM THAT EXPERIENCE, MR. MAYOR. AND SO THANK YOU, CHIEF.
22 THERE ARE NO VIOLATIONS OF OUR ORDINANCES HERE. SO YOU HAVE A
23 LITTLE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY? WE WANT TO GIVE FIREFIGHTER
24 ERIN REAGAN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE BECAUSE SHE DESIGNED THE

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1 T-SHIRT. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. RAISE YOUR HAND, ERIN,
2 SO WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ITEM S-1 WAS CONTINUED FROM OUR
5 AUGUST 1ST MEETING AND TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM
6 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHICH IS THE TASKFORCE THAT SHE WAS
7 CHAIRING. AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED AND
8 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE LACEY, WILL MAKE HER REMARKS. I
9 JUST WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, FOR
10 THE WORK OF YOUR STAFF, BECAUSE YOU'RE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR
11 STAFF AND YOU HAVE A GREAT STAFF AND YOU HAVE A GREAT DISTRICT
12 ATTORNEY. SO THERE'S A GREAT COMBINATION. AND WE'D LIKE TO
13 HEAR YOUR REPORT.

14

15 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. ACTUALLY, THE
16 C.C.J.C.C. TASKFORCE DID A LOT OF HEAVY LIFTING AND HAMMERING
17 OUT THIS PROPOSAL. AND THE TASKFORCE CONSISTED OF THE DISTRICT
18 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LYDIA BODIN LED THE WAY IN THAT. THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PROBATION, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THE
20 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AS
21 WELL AS MARK DELGADO, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SO, THIS IS
22 ACTUALLY MY THIRD APPEARANCE ON RESTITUTION. IT STARTED BACK
23 IN NOVEMBER OF 2014. AND THE PREMISE IS IS THAT PRIOR TO
24 A.B.109, PEOPLE HAD TO PAY RESTITUTION TO THEIR VICTIMS. WHEN
25 THEY WERE IN STATE PRISONS, THIS WASN'T REALLY AN ISSUE. THEY

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1 WERE PAYING RESTITUTION. AND THEN WITH THE ENACTMENT OF A.B.-
2 109, ALL OF A SUDDEN THAT RESTITUTION COMPLETELY STOPPED. NOT
3 A SINGLE VICTIM HAS COLLECTED ANY RESTITUTION EITHER FROM A
4 DEFENDANT WHO IS BEING HOUSED IN OUR COUNTY JAIL OR RELEASED
5 ON A SPLIT SENTENCING ON PROBATION. NOT A SINGLE VICTIM HAS
6 GOTTEN ANY RESTITUTION. AND ABOUT 12 PERCENT OF A.B.-109ERS
7 OWE RESTITUTION. AND I'M REALLY ACTUALLY GRATEFUL THAT THE
8 BOARD SENT US BACK TO DO MORE HOMEWORK BECAUSE I KIND OF
9 WANTED TO FIND OUT THE WAY RESTITUTION WAS COLLECTED IN STATE
10 PRISON WAS THAT 50 PERCENT OF WHATEVER YOU HAD ON THE BOOKS
11 WAS COLLECTED. SO I WANTED TO FIND OUT REALLY WHAT WAS GOING
12 ON IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL IN TERMS OF INMATES AND HOW YOU
13 COLLECT RESTITUTION. I DIDN'T KNOW THIS, BUT IF YOU'RE AN
14 INMATE, YOU CAN ACTUALLY HAVE \$900 A MONTH ON YOUR TRUST
15 ACCOUNT. AND SOME DO. WE'RE ASKING REALLY FOR 50 PERCENT
16 DEPOSIT PLUS A 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. INDIVIDUALS WHO
17 ARE ON SPLIT SENTENCING, SO IN OTHER WORDS THE COUNTY HAS
18 ENCOURAGED US TO ADOPT SPLIT SENTENCING. I DID THAT. AND THEN
19 OF COURSE THE GOVERNOR GOT THE LAW ENACTED THAT SAID HEY, WE
20 WANT TO ENCOURAGE SPLIT SENTENCING. AND THOSE WHO ARE ON SPLIT
21 SENTENCING, THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO MECHANISM TO COLLECT
22 RESTITUTION. SO VICTIMS REALLY GOT SORT OF THE SHORT END OF
23 THE STICK ON THAT. WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO'S PUTTING THE
24 MONEY ON THE BOOKS. I KNOW THAT AT ONE POINT CREDIT CARDS,
25 YOU'RE ALLOWED TO DO IT ONLINE THROUGH CREDIT CARDS. THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STOPPED THAT. SO NOW SOMEONE CAN PUT
2 MONEY ON THE BOOKS. AND I UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
3 WAS HAMMERED OUT IS IF YOU DO PUT MONEY ON THE BOOKS FOR AN
4 INMATE, THE PERSON WHO IS PUTTING MONEY ON THE BOOKS NOW CAN
5 GET NOTICE, PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE, THAT PART OF THAT WILL BE
6 COLLECTED FOR RESTITUTION. SO THESE ARE KIND OF IMPORTANT. THE
7 INMATE WELFARE RESTITUTION FUND IS DOING VERY WELL. WE HEARD
8 THERE'S \$25 MILLION IN THAT. SO IF AN INMATE DOESN'T HAVE
9 MONEY TO BUY FOOD FROM THE COMMISSARY, THEY CAN GET MONEY FROM
10 THE INMATE WELFARE FUND. SO THERE'S PLENTY OF THINGS GOING ON
11 THERE THAT I THINK FULFILL THE GOAL OF ALLOWING PEOPLE TO
12 SERVE THEIR TIME AND RE-ENTER THE COMMUNITY AND GET
13 REHABILITATED. BUT ALSO WE JUST CAN'T FORGET THOSE VICTIMS. WE
14 SEE THEIR FACES. I WAS HOPING TO HAVE A VICTIM COME WITH ME
15 TODAY TO ACTUALLY PUT A FACE ON THIS STORY TO TALK TO THE
16 BOARD. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF A
17 CRIME, YOU'RE TERRIFIED. YOU DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO KNOW WHO
18 YOU ARE. YOU CERTAINLY DON'T WANT A DEFENDANT TO KNOW WHO YOU
19 ARE. AND THAT'S REALLY WHY PEOPLE DON'T PURSUE CIVIL JUDGMENTS
20 AGAINST DEFENDANTS MORE OFTEN BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO EXPOSE SO
21 MUCH OF YOUR ADDRESS AND YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IN ORDER TO
22 GET THAT CIVIL JUDGMENT. SO, REALLY, IT'S THE COURTS. SO THE
23 COURTS ARE CONTINUING TO ORDER THIS RESTITUTION. THE D.A.S ARE
24 CONTINUING TO SEEK IT IN EVERY CASE. AND SINCE A.B.109, IT IT
25 HAS JUST NOT BEEN FULFILLED. SO OUR MOTION IS SIMPLY: CAN WE

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1 BE -- CAN WE DO WHAT'S CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED? THIS IS
2 REALLY NOT OPTIONAL. CAN WE DO WHAT'S CONSTITUTIONALLY
3 MANDATED? CAN WE GET VICTIMS THEIR RESTITUTION THAT THEY
4 DESERVE? THEY DID NOTHING WRONG IN MANY OF THESE CASES, AND
5 WE'RE SAYING CAN'T THEY BE MADE WHOLE? SO I APPRECIATE ALL YOU
6 HAVE DONE, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, IN THE HEAVY LIFTING AS WELL AS
7 ALL OF THE -- YOU MENTIONED MY STAFF. THE STAFF THAT YOU ALL
8 HAVE ON THE BOARD IS PHENOMENAL. THAT'S HOW WE GET A LOT OF
9 THINGS DONE. A LOT OF GREAT SUGGESTIONS AND WE'RE ABLE TO WORK
10 SO WELL WITH YOUR STAFF. BUT THAT'S THE ASK TODAY. I THINK WEE
11 ALL AGREE VICTIMS SHOULD HAVE RESTITUTION. THE LAST ISSUE WAS:
12 SHOULD IT BE 50 PERCENT LIKE IT IS IN THE STATE PRISON? THAT'S
13 REALLY THE ISSUE. AND I THINK THE ISSUE IS ALSO, TO A LESSER
14 DEGREE, WHO SHOULD COLLECT IT? HOW SHOULD IT BE COLLECTED? HOW
15 DO WE ACCOMPLISH IT? HOW DO WE GET THE VICTIMS BACK WHOLE? SO
16 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT
17 THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. IF THERE ARE FURTHER QUESTIONS, I
18 HAVE BROUGHT WITH ME LYDIA BODIN WHO IS THE DEPUTY IN CHARGE
19 OF OUR RESTITUTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. I THANK YOU FOR THE
20 ADDITIONAL STAFF. IT'S GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR US
21 IN TERMS OF REACHING A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW, WHO
22 DON'T EVEN KNOW THEY COULD GET SOME RESTITUTION FOR BEING
23 HARMED ECONOMICALLY BY A DEFENDANT WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A
24 CRIME IN OUR COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I DO HAVE A FEW
2 QUESTIONS. I FAVOR ALL THE ASPECTS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT
3 FORWARD IN THE MOTION, BUT I DO NOT FAVOR THE 50 PERCENT AND I
4 WANTED TO ASK: WHEN YOU SAY IT'S CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED,
5 IT'S MY IMPRESSION THAT THERE'S A RANGE THAT COUNTIES CAN
6 ADOPT, OR ANY OF THE SYSTEMS, FROM 20 TO 50 PERCENT.

7

8 **JACKIE LACEY:** YOU ARE CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND WE CHOSE -- THE STATE SYSTEM CHOSE THE
11 HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. SO IT'S NOT MANDATED IF WE WERE TO
12 COLLECT. BUT WE HAVE TO COLLECT EXACTLY THE SAME PERCENTAGE.
13 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SOURCE OF MANY OF THESE FUNDS
14 ARE REALLY THE FAMILIES OF THE INMATES. AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT
15 WE ARE INCLUDING A NOTICE TO THEM THAT THEY KNOW WHEN THEY
16 THINK THEY'RE PUTTING MONEY IN SO THEIR SON COULD GET PAPER
17 AND PENCIL OR AN APPLE OR WHATEVER, THAT HALF OF THAT -- IF
18 THERE'S A COURT ORDER FOR RESTITUTION, THAT PERCENTAGE, PLUS
19 10 PERCENT OF THAT AMOUNT. SO IT WOULD BE 55 PERCENT.

20

21 **JACKIE LACEY:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WILL NOT GO FOR THE PURPOSES THAT THEY WERE
24 HOPING. YOU ALSO INDICATED THAT THE INMATE WELFARE FUND HAD
25 QUITE A BIT OF MONEY IN IT. AND IF I HEARD YOU RIGHT, YOU SAID

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1 IF INMATES CAN'T BUY FOOD IN THE COMMISARY THEY COULD GET
2 MONEY FROM THE FUND. BUT IT'S MY IMPRESSION THAT IT'S MORE
3 LIMITED THAN THAT. PAPER AND PENCIL, MAYBE? BUT I WONDER IF I
4 MIGHT ASK BECAUSE THAT FUND IS PRETTY BIG. AND THERE'S ALWAYS
5 BEEN SOME CONCERN ABOUT WHAT INMATES HAVE TO PAY FOR PHONE
6 CALLS AND THAT MONEY GOES INTO THAT FUND, ET CETERA. SO I
7 WANTED TO KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHAT COMES OUT OF THAT FUND.

8

9 **ASS'T SHERIFF MCDONALD:** GOOD MORNING, TERRI MCDONALD,
10 ASSISTANT SHERIFF. THE INMATE WELFARE FUND IS FUNDED THROUGH
11 THE CANTEEN PURCHASES AND OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE GENERATE
12 REVENUE. ROUGHLY 49 PERCENT OF IT GOES OVER TOWARDS PHYSICAL
13 PLANT ISSUES. AND THE 51 PERCENT GOES TOWARD INMATE
14 PROGRAMMING. THAT MAY BE D.M.V. LICENSES. IT MAY BE OUR MANY,
15 MANY E.B.I. PROGRAMS THAT WE PROVIDE. BUT IT DOESN'T FUND
16 INDIVIDUAL INMATE ISSUES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND ON THE
17 PHONE RATES, HOWEVER, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THE FEDERAL
18 GOVERNMENT'S GOING TO TAKE AN ACTION THAT REDUCES THE ABILITY
19 TO CHARGE PHONE RATES AND REDUCES THE REVENUE IN THE LONG RUN.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** RIGHT. AND I WASN'T INDICATING YET, NOT
22 TODAY, ANYWAY, ANYTHING ABOUT THE PHONE RATES. BUT JUST THE
23 FACT THAT IT'S KIND OF TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. THAT THE FUND
24 DOESN'T ACTUALLY TAKE THE PLACE, TO ME -- AND I MAY STAND
25 ALONE ON THIS, BUT I ALWAYS FAVORED A SLIGHTLY LOWER

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1 PERCENTAGE, STILL WITHIN THE STATE 20 TO 50 OF 30 PERCENT AND
2 IT WOULD BE 33 WOULD GO FOR RESTITUTION AND FEES AND THE
3 INMATE, THEN, OR AT LEAST THE INMATE'S FAMILY COULD CONTINUE
4 TO KIND OF HELP THEM. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S NOT A LOT OF
5 SYMPATHY FOR INMATES. AND HAVING A COURT ORDER FOR RESTITUTION
6 IS A VERY GOOD THING. BUT IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A GREAT DEAL OF
7 WHAT THE FAMILIES PUT IN WOULD THEN NOT BE FOR THE PURPOSE
8 THAT THEY PROVIDED. SO I WOULD ASK IF I MIGHT THAT WHEN THE
9 MOTION COMES UP, IF IT MIGHT BE QUESTION DIVIDED JUST SO THE
10 SECOND PART. WE COULD HAVE A SEPARATE VOTE ON IT. THANK YOU.
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET ME CALL UP
16 DR. CLAVREUL, MR. MAIZLISH, MR. PREVEN AND MICHELLE HANISEE
17 AND WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, PATRICIA FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE
18 CRIME SURVIVORS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TODAY, BUT SHE'S WITH
19 A VICTIM AND COULD NOT MAKE IT SO SHE WANTED ME TO READ HER
20 STATEMENT. "AS THE FOUNDER C.E.O. OF CRIME SURVIVORS AND A
21 SURVIVOR OF CRIME PERSONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
22 ALLOWING ME TO SHARE MY VOICE AND MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT BEING
23 IN ATTENDANCE DUE TO WORKING ALL MORNING WITH A FAMILY OF A
24 VICTIMIZED CHILD. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE VICTIMS WE ARE
25 HELPING CANNOT GET DENTURES REPAIRED AFTER THE CRIME, MOTHERS

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1 ARE NOT ABLE TO GET MILK FOR THEIR BABIES OR GAS TO GET TO
2 THERAPY AND COUNSELING SESSIONS. HOWEVER, THE CRIMINAL'S
3 OFFENDERS ARE ABLE TO GET CHIPS AND SNICKER BARS. IT IS OUR
4 HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE TODAY THE MAXIMUM 50 PERCENT
5 RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME TO HAVE A LITTLE JUSTICE AND
6 ALLOW SUPPORT FOR THEIR HEALING. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONIES,
7 BUT WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST. MANY ARE ASKING FOR THE MINIMUM 20
8 PERCENT; HOWEVER, WE ARE ASKING AND BEGGING YOU DO NOT DO THIS
9 TO THE VICTIM'S FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. IT WOULD BE AN
10 INSULT TO ALREADY BEING TRAUMATIZED AND WOULD BE SUPPORTING TO
11 OFFENDERS AND NOT THE VICTIMS. MARSY'S LAW PASSED IN 2008. AND
12 WE WOULD ASK FOR YOU TO FOLLOW WHAT IS WRITTEN INTO LAW. 13 TO
13 RESTITUTION A, THE UNEQUIVOCAL INTENTION OF THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA THAT ALL PERSONS WHO SUFFER LOSSES AS A RESULT OF
15 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK AND SECURE
16 RESTITUTION FROM THE PERSONS CONVICTED OF THE CRIME, CAUSING
17 THE LOSS THEY SUFFERED. B, RESTITUTION SHALL BE ORDERED FROM
18 THE CONVICTED WRONGDOER IN EVERY CASE REGARDLESS OF THE
19 SENTENCE OR DISPOSITION IMPOSED IN WHICH A CRIME VICTIM
20 SUFFERS A LOSS. C, ALL MONETARY PAYMENTS, MONIES AND PROPERTY
21 COLLECTED FROM ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ORDERED TO MAKE
22 RESTITUTION SHALL BE FIRST SUPPLIED TO PAY THE AMOUNTS ORDERED
23 AS RESTITUTION TO THE VICTIM. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD SUPPORT
24 THE RELEASE TO ALLOW FAMILIES TO KNOW WHERE THEIR MONIES ARE
25 GOING ONCE PUT ON THE CRIMINAL OFFENDER'S BOOKS IF A

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1 RESTITUTION ORDER IS PUT INTO PLACE. PLEASE JOIN US IN
2 BALANCING THE SCALES OF JUSTICE AND SUPPORT ALL VICTIMS OF
3 CRIME AND VOTE FOR THE 50 PERCENT RESTITUTION TODAY. THANK
4 YOU. PATRICIA [INAUDIBLE]." THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING AGAIN, DR. GENEVIEVE
7 CLAVREUL. I'M GLAD TO SEE THE KIND OF ACTION IN THAT
8 DIRECTION, BUT MOST OF THE TIME, EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE ITEM LIKE
9 THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO PAY BACK THE VICTIM, IT VERY
10 SELDOM HAPPEN. AND I KNOW MYSELF, I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A
11 COUPLE OF TIMES WHERE PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND IT WAS JUDGMENT
12 APPROVAL REPAYMENT. THEY NEVER GOT THAT REPAYMENT. SO I THINK
13 IT IS GREAT CONCERN THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF JUDGMENTS WHILE NOT
14 MANY TIME APPLY. AND THAT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE IT'S A
15 WASTE OF TIME AND PEOPLE NEVER GET THE MONEY. AND ALSO SINCE
16 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE TODAY, JACKIE LACEY, IT WOULD BE
17 GLAD THAT SHE RESPOND TO LETTER HAVING TO DO WITH VIOLATIONS.
18 I WILL BE VERY IMPRESSED IF SHE WILL ANSWER MY LETTER OF
19 AUGUST THE 14TH ON VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD
22 SACHS. CHIVALRY DIED, I GUESS.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** SORRY, SIR?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LADY.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WAS TRYING.

4

5 **MICHELLE HANISEE:** OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I'M MY
6 MICHELLE HANISEE WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEYS. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT D.A. LACEY'S PROPOSAL TO
8 COLLECT 50 PERCENT OF INMATE TRUST ACCOUNT TO PAY VICTIM
9 RESTITUTION. AS SHE SAID IT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
10 VICTIMS TO RECEIVE RESTITUTION FOR THEIR LOSSES. AND THE
11 CRIME VICTIMS ARE FAR MORE IN NEED OF THAT MONEY THAN THE
12 INMATES HAVE A NEED OF A CUP-O'-SOUP AND PHONE CALLS WHICH IS
13 IN REALITY WHAT THEY'RE SPENDING THE MONEY ON. I HAVE AN
14 INMATE NOW, HE'S NOT YET COVICTED. HE'S BEEN IN JAIL ABOUT A
15 YEAR AND A HALF, HE MAKES TWO OR THREE PHONE CALLS A DAY TO
16 HIS WIFE AND TO HIS TWO GIRLFRIENDS. THE PHONE CALLS ARE VERY
17 EXPENSIVE AND HE'S GOT THE MONEY TO DO IT BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL
18 PUTTING THE MONEY IN HIS ACCOUNT FOR HIM. I HATE TO THINK THAT
19 IF HE WAS CONVICTED, HE WOULD CONTINUE TO SPEND TWO TO THREE
20 HOURS ON THE PHONE EVERY DAY AND GET HIS CUP OF SOUP AND
21 SNICKERS WHEN THE VICTIM HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE WHOLE. I JUST
22 DON'T SEE WHY THE INMATES SHOULD GET ANY SNACKS WHILE THE
23 VICTIMS ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM THEIR LOSSES. SO WE VERY MUCH
24 SUPPORT THE PROPOSED 50 PERCENT COLLECTION AMOUNT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I'M ALSO APPRECIATIVE OF
4 THE EFFORT HERE. I THINK THAT OBVIOUSLY AIDING VICTIMS HELPS
5 BOTH WITH EMOTIONAL AND FINANCIAL RECOVERY. AND WE SHOULD DO
6 EVERYTHING WE CAN. I WAS SURPRISED BY THE SIZE OF THE INMATE
7 WELFARE FUND AT 25 MILLION. AND I HAD SOME SPECIFIC
8 SUGGESTIONS. ONE ON THE COLLECTION FROM JAIL ACCOUNTS, THAT'S
9 INMATES WHO HAVE MONEY PUT IN OFTEN BY THEIR FAMILY. I KNOW
10 THERE'S A DEBATE ABOUT 50 PERCENT OR SOMETHING LESS, SOME
11 FOLKS THINK. REGARDLESS, A SMALL AMOUNT SHOULD BE SET ASIDE
12 FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE. IF YOU SEND IN TO GET TOOTHPASTE OR
13 TOOTHBRUSH OR EVEN SOME SNACKS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HER
14 RELATIONSHIP IS WITH THE SNICKERS, BUT PEOPLE ARE HUMAN. AND
15 EVEN IF THEY'VE COMMITTED CRIMES AND ARE SUFFERING OR PAYING
16 TIME FOR THAT AND HAVE CAUSED SUFFERING, THEY DO HAVE HUMAN
17 NEEDS. THE SECOND ITEM HAS TO DO WITH, YOU KNOW, SOMEHOW
18 FINDING A WAY TO FREE VICTIMS FROM HAVING TO GET THE MONEY
19 FROM THEIR TORMENTERS, IF YOU WILL, THAT IF WE COULD SIMPLY
20 PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE AND THEN HAVE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE
21 D.A. GO AFTER THE GETTING OF THE MONEY. THAT MIGHT BE A BETTER
22 SYSTEM. SORT OF A BASIC RESTITUTION COMES UP FRONT IS THE IDEA
23 THERE. AND ALSO I THINK THAT MAKING ALL VICTIM ASSISTANCE,
24 INCLUDING RESTITUTION ASSISTANCE, AVAILABLE WITHOUT REGARD FOR
25 WHETHER THERE'S A CRIMINAL RECORD OR LISTING ON VARIOUS

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1 DATABASES IS AN AREA BECAUSE THIS KIND OF DISCRIMINATION
2 ENDORSES THE OPPOSITE OF THE DEMAND THAT PEOPLE RESPECT THE
3 RIGHTS OF ALL EQUALLY. AND I JUST THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE A
4 GOOD AREA. AND, FINALLY, YOU KNOW, CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AS
5 IT'S CURRENTLY LAID OUT CREATES VICTIMS ON A REGULAR BASIS
6 WHEN THEY HOLD PEOPLE IN CUSTODY WHO COULD, WITH APPROPRIATE
7 PROGRAMMING AND SUPERVISION, BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND EVEN
8 BY EARNING AND PAYING MORE IN RESTITUTION TO VICTIMS THAN THEY
9 WOULD FROM JAIL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, AGAIN. ARNOLD
14 SACHS. THIS IS REALLY -- WHAT'S TO BE BAD ABOUT THIS EXCEPT
15 WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? I MEAN, THAT WOULD BE THE BAD PART. BUT
16 THE FUND THAT IT WAS MENTIONED, THE \$25 MILLION FUND, ISN'T
17 THAT A FUND THAT'S GENERATED THROUGH THE INMATE PHONE CALLS
18 THAT GET CHARGED? SO IS THAT A SEPARATE FUND? OR IS THAT
19 INCLUSIVE OF FUNDING THAT PEOPLE PUT IN FOR PEOPLE, INMATES TO
20 USE IN THEIR PERSONAL ACCOUNTING OR FOR BUYING PERSONAL GOODS
21 THAT THEY CAN GET FROM I GUESS THE JAIL P.X.? THE FACT THAT
22 THE FUND, THE 25 MILLION IS CREATED THROUGH PHONE CALLS, HOW
23 ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT -- HOW IS THAT GOING TO BALANCE OUT
24 WITH THE COMPANY THAT RUNS THE PHONE -- IF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
25 MAKE PHONE CALLS AND THAT MONEY IS GENERATED INTO THAT

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1 ACCOUNT, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE PHONE CALL
2 BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM THE COMPANY THAT
3 PROVIDES THE PHONE SERVICE? IT IS NOT A PROBLEM THAT SHOULD BE
4 PRESENTED HERE. IT'S A PROBLEM THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOOKED
5 INTO AT THE SENTENCING AND THROUGH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND NOT
6 FOR YOU TO HAVE A HAND IN. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT YOU
7 WOULD HAVE A HAND IN THIS. YES, VOTE FOR 75 PERCENT. WHY NOT
8 VOTE FOR 75 PERCENT RETURN? AND YOU'RE GOING TO INCREASE THE
9 MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15. VOTE FOR 75 PERCENT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE THE MOTION
12 AS AMENDED AND NUMBER 2 WE'LL DIVIDE THE QUESTION ON NUMBER 2.
13 BUT THE FIRST WILL BE VOTING ON THE 50 PERCENT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, JUST A QUICK WORD IF I MAY. I'D
16 LIKE FOR THE C.E.O. AT THE TIME DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO GIVE US
17 A BETTER INSIGHT INTO THE TRUST FUND. THERE'S A BALANCE THERE,
18 WHATEVER IT MAY BE. HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT BALANCE IS.
19 AND THEN THERE MAY BE A NEED TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
20 TO STREAMLINE AND INTEGRATE THE PROCESS FOR TRACKING
21 RESTITUTION BEING COLLECTED AND PAID. AND THIS IS NOT
22 SOMETHING THAT I'M REQUESTING NOW. I AM ESSENTIALLY ASKING
23 THAT YOU RETURN AFTER HAVING LOOKED AT THESE ISSUES, THE TRUST
24 FUND, ITS BALANCE, WHAT THE PROCESSES ARE, THE OVERSIGHT FOR
25 THE TRUST FUND SO THAT THE BOARD HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

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1 AND APPRECIATION FOR HOW IT IS BEING DONE AND IF THERE ARE
2 SOME CORRECTIONS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS THAT WOULD BE WARRANTED.
3 I THINK THE CREDIBILITY OF RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS IS
4 IMPORTANT AS IT RELATES TO OVERSIGHT AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF
5 THE RESOURCES. I SHOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN STAND UP TO ANY
6 SCRUTINY AS IT RELATES TO HOW THE TRUST FUND IS BEING
7 OPERATED, WHAT ITS BALANCES ARE, ET CETERA.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE CAN MAKE THAT AS A FRIENDLY
10 AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. AND TO COME BACK TO US WITH THE
13 APPROPRIATE ATTENTION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SECTION 2, CALL THE ROLL. I'LL
16 MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. NO. 2, YEAH.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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1

2 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: NO.

5

6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

9

10 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR

11 ANTONOVICH?

12

13 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AYE. MOTION CARRIES. AND ON THE MOTION

14 AS AMENDED, CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

19

20 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

21 THOMAS?

22

23 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

24

25 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR

9 ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. I WANT TO

12 ONCE AGAIN THANK JACKIE LACEY AND HER STAFF AND COMMITTEE.

13 ITEM S-3? SUPERVISOR, S-3 AND I'LL CALL YOU FIRST.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. WE ARE

16 HEARING TESTIMONY ON CONVERSATION ON ITEMS 3, 26, 58, 60-A AND

17 60-B ALL AT THE SAME TIME. SO I WANTED TO SAY BY WAY OF

18 INTRODUCTION HOW -- WHAT A GOOD JOB COUNTY COUNSEL HAS DONE,

19 IN MY OPINION, IN TRANSLATING OUR MINIMUM WAGE MOTION INTO A

20 STATUTE, WHICH IS BEFORE US ON FIRST READING TODAY. AND THERE

21 ARE A FEW AMENDMENTS PROPOSED WHICH WE'RE DISCUSSING ALL IN

22 THIS ONE DISCUSSION. FIRST OF ALL, I BROUGHT TECHNICAL

23 AMENDMENTS IN ITEM NO. 3 AND ONE HAVING TO DO WITH THE

24 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. WHEN WE ADOPTED OUR MOTION ON MINIMUM

25 WAGE, WE WERE NOT ACCURATELY REFLECTING WHAT THE CITY WAS

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1 DOING AFTER THE \$15 AMOUNT IS REACHED IN 2020 IN TERMS OF THE
2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. SO THE FIRST PART OF MY TECHNICAL
3 AMENDMENT WOULD SIMPLY CHANGE THAT PART FROM LOOKING AT C.P.I.
4 FOR THE PREVIOUS 20 YEARS TO LOOKING AT C.P.I. FOR THE
5 PREVIOUS YEAR, WHICH IS WHAT THE CITY OF L.A. IS DOING. THE
6 SECOND PART OF THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENT IS SIMPLY, REALLY, A
7 TYPO. THERE WAS AN INCORRECT WAGE LEVEL OF \$14 PER HOUR FOR
8 EMPLOYEES OF SMALL FIRMS ON JULY 1, 2020. THIS WOULD MAKE IT
9 \$14.25 WHICH IS WHAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE. I'M ALSO BRINGING
10 AN AMENDMENT TO THAT AMENDMENT TO DELETE SECTION C. THERE WAS
11 A FEELING THERE HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT CONVERSATION ABOUT THE
12 MINIMUM WAGE FOR OUR COUNTY CONTRACTORS WHO WERE NOT INCLUDED
13 IN OUR PROP-A MOTION OF A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. SO IN ITEM 3, I
14 WOULD SUBMIT ONLY THE FIRST TWO AND DELETE THE THIRD RELATED
15 TO COUNTY CONTRACTORS. OTHERS WILL PRESENT THEIR AMENDMENTS IN
16 ADDITION, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY IN GENERAL THE ISSUE OF THE
17 MINIMUM WAGE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, THOUGHT ABOUT, TESTIFIED
18 ABOUT FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN FRONT OF THIS BODY APPROPRIATELY
19 SO. AND I'M VERY PROUD ON MY PART FOR THE PART THAT THE COUNTY
20 IS PLAYING IN BRINGING THIS MINIMUM WAGE UP IN THE
21 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS
22 FOR OUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IT IS ONLY ONE OF THE TOOLS THAT
23 WE WILL BE USING, HOPEFULLY, TO HELP BRING OUR SOCIETY BACK
24 MORE INTO BALANCE. THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A LOSS OF BALANCE IN
25 THE PAST SEVERAL DECADES. WAGES REMAINING FLAT, EVERYTHING

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1 ELSE ZOOMING UP. IT BECOMES LESS AND LESS POSSIBLE FOR US,
2 MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, TO REALLY BE ABLE TO EVEN LIVE. IT
3 RELATES TO OUR HOMELESSNESS, THE GROWTH OF OUR HOMELESSNESS
4 PROBLEM. IT RELATES TO THE SUCCESS OF SMALL BUSINESSES WHO
5 RELY ON THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PURCHASERS TO BE ABLE TO COME AND
6 BUY THEIR GOODS. SO I AM VERY PLEASED AND AGAIN GRATEFUL TO
7 COUNTY COUNSEL FOR HELPING TO TURN THIS INTO A REALITY FOR US
8 TO VOTE ON, NOT TODAY BECAUSE I KNOW IT COMES BACK ON SECOND
9 READING. BUT ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS
10 AND THANK THE MAYOR VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** BEFORE AMENDMENTS ARE OFFERED, I JUST WANT TO
17 SPEAK IN SUPPORT AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I KNOW WE'RE GOING
18 TO HEAR FROM SPEAKERS REGARDING WAGE THEFT, WHICH IS AN
19 IMPORTANT ITEM THAT THIS BOARD ALSO ADOPTED. SO AS WE MOVE
20 FORWARD, I WANT FOLKS TO UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT
21 WE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS WHO ARE OUT THERE WORKING NOW
22 UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE LAWS THAT GOVERN THE RULES OF MINIMUM
23 WAGE ENFORCEMENT. AND EVEN TODAY WE KNOW THAT THIS WAGE THEFT
24 IS GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT AROUND THE COUNTRY. SO I
25 WANT TO REITERATE THAT AND I'M VERY PLEASED THAT WE'RE ABLE TO

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1 MOVE THESE ITEMS ACCORDINGLY. AND AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE
2 PROCESS, I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO
3 DISCUSS ALSO OUR ASSISTANCE THAT WE'VE ASK CONSUMER AND
4 BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO WORK ON WITH OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AT MOM
5 AND POP STORES THAT HAVE ONLY SIX PEOPLE OR LESS AND ARE ALSO
6 SCRAPING THROUGH TO MAKE A LIVING. AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION
7 TO HELP THEM, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS NOW. RUSTY
10 HICKS. OLGA CORDERO. JUAN HERNANDEZ. DAVID LOPEZ.

11

12 **ELISEO OLIVA:** GOOD MORNING. WITH THE PARDON OF THE BOARD.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** START OVER AGAIN. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR
15 THE RECORD.

16

17 **ELISEO OLIVA:** YES. MY NAME IS ELISA OLIVA. AND I AM HERE FOR
18 DAVID LOPEZ WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

21

22 **ELISEO OLIVA:** WELL, LIKE I SAID MY NAME IS ELISEO OLIVA. I'M
23 WITH KIWA, KOREATOWN IMMIGRANT WORKERS ALLIANCE. FIRST OF ALL
24 WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING SUCH AN IMPORTANT STEP TO PROTECT

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1 WORKERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND AS A WORKER WHO HAS
2 EXPERIENCED WAGE THEFT LIKE ME WHO \$9,000 WERE AWARDED UNDER
3 THE LABOR COMMISSION ORDERS ONLY TO KNOW THAT A COUPLE OF
4 WEEKS LATER THE COMPANY DECLARED BANKRUPTCY. THE FUNNY THING
5 IS THEY OPENED AGAIN JUST LIKE A MONTH LATER IN CULVER CITY.
6 SO THIS IS HAPPENING SO MUCH. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO
7 INCLUDE WAGE THEFT PROTECTION IN THOSE \$15 AN HOUR ARE AWARDED
8 TO THE WORKERS. AND PLEASE REMEMBER THAT \$26.2 MILLION ARE
9 STOLEN FROM WORKERS EVERY YEAR ONLY IN THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES. SO PLEASE LET'S MAKE SURE THAT WORKERS ARE PROTECTED.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] WE DON'T
14 ALLOW APPLAUSE, SO YOU WANT TO LIFT THE ROOF FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
15 THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **OLGA CORDERO:** [SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPRETER] GOOD MORNING. MY
18 NAME IS OLGA CORDERO. I COME FROM SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. TO GIVE
19 THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE WAGE INCREASE POSSIBLE.
20 ALSO IN THE NAME OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE
21 FOR THE WAGE INCREASE TO BE IN ALL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
22 WITH THAT WAGE INCREASE, WE WILL HAVE BETTER LIVES FOR OUR
23 FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **MIGUEL PEREZ:** [SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPREER] GOOD MORNING. MY
2 NAME IS MIGUEL. I'M HERE TO REPORT THAT PART OF MY SALARY WAS
3 STOLEN ON THE MONTH OF AUGUST. ON THE 12TH OF AUGUST. I
4 REPORTED MYSELF TO MY EMPLOYER THAT MORNING AND I NOTICED THAT
5 THE PLACE WAS CLOSED. I WAITED FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM
6 WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AND FRIDAY IS WHEN WE GET PAID. I
7 WAITED THERE FROM 8 IN THE MORNING TILL 2 O'CLOCK IN THE
8 AFTERNOON AND MY BOSS DID NOT SHOW UP. WE WERE NOT AWARE OR
9 TOLD THAT THE OWNERS WERE MOVING OUT, LEAVING THE BUSINESS.
10 NONE OF MY COWORKERS OR I KNEW THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY
11 LEAVING, ABANDONING THE BUSINESS. IT WAS 13 EMPLOYEES
12 INCLUDING MYSELF. NONE OF US HAVE MONEY TO PAY OUR RENT OR
13 BILLS OR ANY CASH AT ALL. I WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO DO
14 SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION. IT'S A VERY UGLY FEELING TO
15 HAVE OUR SALARIES STOLEN. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE REST OF MY
16 COWORKERS AND I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME THIS MORNING.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CALL UP MARIA GALVAN. TIA
19 KOONSE. SOPHIA CHUNG. ALSO CARMEN TORRES.

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21 **MARIA GALVAN:** [SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPRETER] GOOD AFTERNOON.
22 MY NAME IS MARIA GALVAN. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PASSING THESE
23 LAWS AGAINST WAGE THEFT AND INCREASED WAGES. I HAVE A SMALL
24 BUSINESS AND I HAVE THREE WORKERS. I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF
25 HAVING A HIGH SALARY AND NOT HAVING YOUR WAGES STOLEN BECAUSE

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1 I USED TO WORK IN A FACTORY. I WORKED THERE FOR NINE YEARS AND
2 I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE YOUR WAGES STOLEN AND HAVING A
3 MINIMUM WAGE. NOW THAT I HAVE A SMALL BUSINESS, I KNOW THAT IT
4 IS A VIABLE OPTION TO HAVE AN INCREASE OF WAGES SO MY WORKERS
5 CAN HAVE A BETTER LIFE AND PAY THEM FOR THEIR OVERTIME IF THEY
6 WORK OVERTIME. THAT'S WHY IT'S NECESSARY THIS BE ENFORCED. SO
7 THIS CAN BE COMPLETED. SO THIS CAN BE ENFORCED WITH
8 CORPORATIONS AND EVERYONE CAN DO IT AND NOT JUST SMALL
9 BUSINESSES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **TIA KOONSE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS TIA KOONSE. I'M A LEGAL
14 AND POLICY RESEARCH MANAGER AT THE U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER AND I
15 AM THRILLED TO BE HERE WITH YOU ON THIS MOMENTOUS DAY. MY
16 COLLEAGUES AND I AT THE LABOR CENTER HAVE AUTHORED SOME OF THE
17 FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES ABOUT WAGE THEFT AS WELL AS ABOUT THE
18 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE LOCALLY THROUGHOUT
19 THE STATE. AND IT'S IN THIS CAPACITY THAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
20 TODAY THAT AS THE COUNTY CONSIDERS RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE,
21 IT'S VITAL TO UNDERSTAND ENFORCING THAT WAGE IS JUST AS
22 IMPORTANT AS RAISING IT. ALL 10 MUNICIPALITIES IN CALIFORNIA
23 WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR MINIMUM WAGES HAVE AUTHORIZED AND NEARLY
24 ALL HAVE FUNDED ENFORCEMENT OF THAT WAGE. AS MY COLLEAGUE
25 VICTOR NADO TESTIFIED BEFORE YOU IN JULY AND AS THESE WORKERS

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1 HAVE ATTESTED TO TODAY, THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY WHERE INCIDENCES OF WAGE THEFT ARE 20 PERCENT
3 HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. IN ANY GIVEN WEEK, 1 IN 3
4 LOW WAGE WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY EARNED LESS THAN TODAY'S
5 MINIMUM WAGE. IN TOTAL, 88 PERCENT OF LOW WAGE WORKERS IN L.A.
6 COUNTY EXPERIENCES A VIOLATION OF OUR MOST BASIC LABOR
7 PROTECTIONS IN ANY GIVEN WEEK. THESE SOBERING STATISTICS HELP
8 US UNDERSTAND THAT ENFORCING THIS NEW MINIMUM WAGE WILL BE
9 CRITICAL TO MAKING THAT PROMISE A REALITY. SPECIFICALLY WE
10 RECOMMEND THE COUNTY AGENCY AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED TO DO TWO
11 THREE THINGS: RECEIVE, INVESTIGATE AND ADJUDICATE CLAIMS OF
12 VIOLATIONS OF BASIC LABOR PROTECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,
13 INCLUDING WAGES RETALIATION AND DISCRIMINATION WHICH SO OFTEN
14 GO HAND-IN-HAND. CONDUCT PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT THAT TARGETS
15 BAD ACTORS AND INDUSTRIES RIFE WITH VIOLATIONS, WE KNOW WHO
16 THEY ARE. AND PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS TO EDUCATE WORKERS
17 AND BUSINESSES ABOUT COMPLIANCE. ENFORCING WAGE AND HOUR LAWS
18 IS CLEARLY A LEGAL AND ETHICAL IMPERATIVE BUT IT ALSO MAKES
19 BUSINESS SENSE. VERY, VERY CONSERVATIVELY, WE ESTIMATE THAT
20 THE CITY AND COUNTY OF L.A. LOSE 12 TO \$26 MILLION ANNUALLY IN
21 TAX REVENUE DUE TO WAGE THEFT. WE ESTIMATE WAGE THEFT ROBS THE
22 STATE OF BETWEEN \$103 AND \$153 MILLION IN TAX REVENUE. EVERY
23 WEEK OUTLAW EMPLOYERS ROB THE LOCAL ECONOMY OF \$26.2 MILLION
24 IN WAGES THAT ARE OWED. AS MORE AND MORE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
25 RAISE THEIR MINIMUM WAGES, THE WHOLE STATE AND INDEED THE

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1 WHOLE COUNTRY LOOKING TO L.A. COUNTY TO SEE WHAT'S POSSIBLE IN
2 ENFORCING WAGES REGIONALLY. GOOD ENFORCEMENT HELPS TO PAY FOR
3 ITSELF. IT BRINGS IN FEES AND FINES THAT CAN GO A LONG WAY
4 TOWARD RECUPERATING THE COST OF INVESTIGATION. IT LEVELS THE
5 PLAYING FIELD SO RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYERS CAN COMPETE AND FINALLY
6 IT RECOVERS TAX REVENUE LOST. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DENISE
9 BARLAGE. DONNA DUPERRON. MICHAEL SHAFER. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **SOPHIA CHANG:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SOPHIA CHANG AND I'M WITH ROC
12 WHICH IS THE RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITY CENTER. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
13 ORGANIZATION FOR RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND WE ALSO PROVIDE
14 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO RESPONSIBLE MANAGERS AND
15 EMPLOYERS. AND ROC IS HERE TO SUPPORT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE
16 TO \$15. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS CHANGE. AND WE ALSO
17 WANT TO URGE THAT WE MAKE THIS POLICY REAL WITH REALLY STRONG
18 ENFORCEMENT. LIKE TIA MENTIONED, EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN
19 CALIFORNIA THAT RAISED THE MINIMUM WAGE HAS ALSO PASSED
20 ENFORCEMENT. AND IT'S REALLY IN RECOGNITION THAT A LOT OF
21 THESE LOW WAGE WORKERS AND INDUSTRIES HAVE VERY HIGH RATES OF
22 VIOLATION. FOR EXAMPLE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND U.C.L.A.
23 HAVE CONSISTENTLY FOUND THAT L.A. COUNTY RESTAURANTS HAVE
24 ABOUT AN 80 PERCENT VIOLATION RATE, A REALLY BASIC WAGE AND
25 HOUR LAW. THIS INCLUDES OVERTIME, MEAL AND REST BREAKS, ALSO

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1 PROBLEMS WITH TIPS STEALING, THINGS LIKE THIS. AT ROC WE ARE A
2 NONPROFIT FOR RESTAURANT WORKERS SO EVERY WEEK WE HAVE A LOT
3 OF WORKERS THAT COME IN THE DOOR SEEKING HELP FOR PAY
4 PROBLEMS. AND THERE'S A WORKER WHOSE STORY I WANTED TO SHARE
5 TODAY. HER NAME IS MARIA VASQUEZ. SHE WORKED FOR OVER A DECADE
6 AS A COOK. AND BY THE TIME SHE FINISHED HER TIME WORKING AT
7 THE RESTAURANT, SHE WAS ACTUALLY OWED \$84,000 IN UNPAID WAGES.
8 SHE GOT THIS CLAIM SHE WON IT THROUGH THE STATE LABOR
9 COMMISSIONER. SHE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO COLLECT EVEN 5 CENTS OF
10 THIS MONEY, \$84,000. SHE'S A SINGLE MOM. AND THE PLACE WHERE
11 SHE WORKED ACTUALLY HAD RESTAURANTS IN BOTH INGLEWOOD AND LOS
12 ANGELES. THE REASON WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE ROLE THE COUNTY
13 CAN PLAY IS BECAUSE THE COUNTY CAN ACTUALLY TAKE A REGIONAL
14 APPROACH TO SOLVING WAGE THEFT. WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF
15 COMPANIES HAVE MULTIPLE STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT'S
16 USUALLY NOT LIMITED TO JUST ONE MUNICIPALITY. AND WE'RE HOPING
17 THAT WHATEVER WAGE THEFT POLICY IS PASSED HERE WILL ALLOW
18 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY IF
19 THEY DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ENFORCE BY THEMSELVES. ROC IS
20 ALSO PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY COALITION AGAINST WAGE THEFT
21 WHICH HAS ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING PORT TRUCK DRIVERS IN
22 LONG BEACH, HOUSE CLEANERS IN PASADENA, RESTAURANT WORKERS IN
23 INGLEWOOD.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO BOB BRANDT. YES,
2 MA'AM.

3

4 **CARMEN TORRES:** [SPEAKING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER] GOOD MORNING.
5 MY NAME IS CARMEN TORRES. I'VE BEEN WORKING AS A SEAMSTRESS
6 FOR 20 YEARS. AND IN 20 YEARS, I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HAVE
7 MY EMPLOYER PAY ME THE MINIMUM. FOR EVEN THOUGH I HAVE
8 REQUESTED IT, IT'S NEVER HAPPENED. AND THIS IS WHY I'M HERE TO
9 PLEASE BEG YOU TO INVESTIGATE ALL THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF THE
10 SOWING DEPARTMENTS, GARMENT DISTRICT. BECAUSE THERE IS PLENTY
11 OF SALARY THEFT IN THE SEWING INDUSTRY. I SUPPORT THE MINIMUM
12 WAGE IN THE WHOLE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JOHN SHRONE.

15

16 **DENISE BARLAGE:** GOOD MORNING, MR. ANTONOVICH. BY THE NAME MY
17 NAME IS DENISE BARLAGE. I WANT TO THANK THE BEAUTIFUL LADIES
18 OF L.A. COUNTY, SHEILA KUEHL AND MS. HILDA SOLIS, FOR YOUR
19 SUPPORT REGARDING THE PEOPLE OF GARMENT WORKERS. I WANT TO
20 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. THANK YOU. I'M HERE TO ENFORCE THE
21 MINIMUM WAGE TO A LIVING WAGE FOR ALL CALIFORNIA BUT MOSTLY
22 L.A. COUNTY WORKERS. I DON'T DO THIS JUST FOR MYSELF BUT I
23 ALSO DO IT FOR THE FUTURE OF MY SONS SO THAT ONE DAY THEY CAN
24 HAVE THAT ASPIRATION OF A WONDERFUL AMERICAN DREAM OF OWNING A
25 HOME LIKE MY HUSBAND AND I DO, THAT ONE DAY THAT THEY CAN SEE

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1 THE FUTURE FOR BENEFITS AND ALL THAT THEY WORK HARD FOR. YOU
2 KNOW, THAT LIVING WAGE IS NOT JUST ABOUT SOMEONE RECEIVING A
3 LIVING WAGE. BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT TURNING THAT LIVING WAGE BACK
4 INTO THE COMMUNITY. AS FAR AS ANYONE WHO BAKES CAKES, WHO HAS
5 RESTAURANTS, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER THEIR COST IS THAT'S WRAPPED
6 AROUND THEM, THAT PERSON IN THE RESTAURANTS, THE BAKERS,
7 THEY'RE GOING TO TOSS THAT BACK TO THE CONSUMER. THAT'S ME.
8 AND SO IF I'M MAKING A DECENT LIVING WAGE, THEN I CAN PURCHASE
9 THOSE CAKES, I WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO THE RESTAURANTS AND ENJOY
10 WITH MY FAMILY. SO DOING THAT, BY HAVING A LIVING WAGE, IS
11 NEEDED TO BE SUPPORTED. ALSO, WAGE THEFT, I WORKED FOR NINE
12 YEARS AT THE LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR RETAILER IN THE WORLD AND
13 THEY WERE VERY WELL KNOWN FOR WAGE THEFT. AND IT'S CONSTANTLY
14 KEEPING GOING RIGHT NOW. AND YOU AS L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS,
15 THE ONLY WAY WE CAN STOP THIS, STOP SMACKING THIS COMPANY'S
16 HAND BY REALLY PUTTING AN ENFORCEMENT ON IT AND STOPPING IT
17 FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORK OUT THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO WALL UP HELEN
20 HUA. YES, SIR.

21

22 **MICHAEL SHAFER:** HELLO, MICHAEL SHAFER. THANK YOU FOR SPENDING,
23 GIVING ME SOME TIME HERE. WAGE THEFT IS A CRIME AND I TOTALLY
24 AGREE WITH THAT. BUT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT GOING TO
25 HELP IT. ENFORCING WAGE THEFT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY

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1 MUST DO. RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT GOING TO HELP ANYONE,
2 INCLUDING PEOPLE GETTING MINIMUM WAGE BECAUSE THE \$15 AN HOUR
3 WORKER IS NOW GOING TO WANT \$20 AN HOUR AND THE \$20 AN HOUR IS
4 GOING TO WANT \$25 AND ET CETERA, ET CETERA, WHICH MEANS THAT
5 THE COST OF GOODS IS GOING TO GO UP. EVERY TRUCK DRIVER, EVERY
6 LOADER, EVERY STOREROOM KEEPER, THEY'RE ALL GOING TO WANT THE
7 SAME WAGE RAISE. SO IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP. IN NATIONS
8 "RESTAURANT NEWS" JUST THIS WEEK, WENDY'S CAME OUT WITH THEIR
9 KIOSK. MCDONALD'S CAME OUT WITH THEIR KIOSK PROGRAM. AND
10 CHILE'S IS NOW GOING TO HAVE A KIOSK PROGRAM WHERE THEY'RE
11 GOING TO GO FROM 9 EMPLOYEES PER SHIFT IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE
12 TO 2 EMPLOYEES PER SHIFT, WHERE NOW YOU CAN ORDER OFF YOUR
13 SMARTPHONE AND THE FOOD IS THEN BROUGHT OUT BY A RUNNER. NO
14 MORE SERVERS. WE'RE GOING TO DO AWAY WITH THIS AND IT'S
15 ALREADY STARTED IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY. IT'S ALREADY STARTED
16 IN THE SUPERMARKET INDUSTRY WITH SELF-CHECKOUTS. TECHNOLOGY IS
17 GOING TO DO AWAY WITH THE SERVICE INDUSTRY BECAUSE IT'S GOING
18 TO BE TOO EXPENSIVE TO EMPLOY MINIMUM WAGE PEOPLE TO DO THE
19 JOB. AND MINIMUM WAGE IS MEANT AS A STARTER JOB. ALL THESE
20 HUGE COMPANIES HAVE GOT GREAT TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHO
21 SHOW THE INITIATIVE TO GO FURTHER. I STARTED OUT AS A
22 DISHWASHER 45 YEARS AGO. NOW I'M A RESTAURANTEUR AND I HAVE
23 EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE BEEN WITH ME 10 TO 15 YEARS WHO STARTED
24 OUT AS DISHWASHERS AND BUSBOYS WHO ARE NOW SERVERS AND
25 MANAGERS AND SOUS CHEFS.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO DUSTAN BATTON. YES, SIR.

3

4 **ROBERT BRANDT:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBERT BRANDT. THANK YOU FOR
5 HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I AM A BREWERY AND RESTAURANT OWNER IN
6 TORRANCE. THEORETICAL, DIVERGENT, INCONCLUSIVE. THIS IS HOW
7 THIS BOARD HAS REFERRED TO MINIMUM WAGE STUDIES IT DISAGREES
8 WITH. SO WHAT DID YOU DO? YOU ASKED FOR YOUR OWN STUDY. THIS
9 BOARD CALLED THE RESULTS OF ITS OWN STUDY SIGNIFICANT AND
10 ORIGINAL, DIFFERENT FROM ALL EARLIER STUDIES. MESSAGE? NO LOSS
11 OF JOBS IS PREDICTED. BUT THE L.A.E.D.C. ECONOMISTS ALSO SAID
12 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL HAVE LITTLE IMPACT, IF ANY, ON
13 POVERTY. THIS STATEMENT GOES DIRECTLY AGAINST THE PARTY
14 MESSAGE SOME MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD WANT THE PUBLIC TO DIGEST.
15 SO THE REPORT'S CONCLUSION IS REBUKED AS DISHONEST, AN OPINION
16 PIECE. WHAT ISN'T MERELY AN OPINION IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN
17 THE CITY OF SEATTLE SINCE IT MADE THE MOST AGGRESSIVE MOVE OF
18 ANY LARGE CITY IN THE NATION BY ADOPTING A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE AT
19 THE START OF THIS YEAR. SERVICE SECTOR BUSINESSES ARE CLOSING
20 AT A HIGHER HISTORICAL RATE THAN EVER BEFORE. MANAGERS HAVE
21 TAKEN MORE RESPONSIBILITIES ON THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF HIRING
22 MORE WORKERS. BUSINESSES HAVE CUT HOURLY WORKERS' HOURS AND
23 LAID OFF WORKERS, CUT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, FREE FOOD AND
24 OVERTIME. THESE RESULTS ARE REAL. THIS IS NOT A SURVEY. IT IS
25 IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES -- SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN A VERY

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1 REAL WAY. THE ONE THING NOT HAPPENING IN SEATTLE ARE STORIES
2 ABOUT BUSINESSES HIRING MORE PEOPLE. JOB APPLICATIONS ARE UP,
3 PRESUMABLY TO BENEFIT FROM HIGHER WAGES, BUT THAT HAS NOT
4 TRANSLATED INTO GREATER EMPLOYMENT. YOUR OWN ECONOMISTS FROM
5 THE L.A.E.D.C. REPORT A MINIMUM WAGE HIKE WILL HAVE LITTLE
6 EFFECT ON POVERTY, AND YET YOU PROCEED WITH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES
7 FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS LIKE MYSELF. SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS
8 LIKE MYSELF REPRESENT OVER 85 PERCENT OF BUSINESSES IN THE
9 COUNTY. WE ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE ECONOMY. AND YET
10 OUR CONCERNS ARE IGNORED. FOR ME PERSONALLY I HAVE TAKEN ON
11 ADDITIONAL DUTIES, I HAVE LEFT OPENINGS IN MY COMPANY, PLEASE,
12 SIR, MAY I?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST THAT ONE SENTENCE.

15

16 **ROBERT BRANDT:** AND I HAVE CUT HOURS. I AM RAISING PRICES AS
17 FAST AS I CAN, BUT SO IS EVERYBODY ELSE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. RUBEN GONZALEZ. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **DONNA DUPERRON:** MR. MAYOR AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DONNA DUPERRON, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O.
23 OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AN ORGANIZATION
24 REPRESENTING 852 BUSINESSES. TIME AND AGAIN I MEET WITH
25 BUSINESSES IN MY COMMUNITY THAT ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR

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1 DOORS OPEN BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST IMPOSED TO THEM BY
2 GOVERNMENT. BUSINESSES IN INCORPORATED CITIES ARE NOW SEEKING
3 SOME OF THEIR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS LEAVING FOR POSITIONS IN
4 L.A. CITY AND NOW UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS FORCING
5 MANY INCORPORATED CITY BUSINESSES TO ALSO RAISE THEIR MINIMUM
6 WAGE TO IMPOSSIBLE LEVELS. THE BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE
7 BROUGHT FORTH BY THIS BOARD IN JULY DOES NOT AID BUSINESSES IN
8 INCORPORATED CITIES NOR HAS THIS BOARD CLOSELY LOOKED AT THE
9 INDIRECT IMPACTS THIS ORDINANCE WILL HAVE ON INCORPORATED
10 CITIES. AND I ASK THAT YOU DO. NOTHING ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE
11 WILL MINIMIZE CONFUSION, DISRUPTION AND DESTRUCTIVE CROSS-
12 JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT. TO BE SURE, IT INTENSIFIES CONFLICT
13 AND NEGATIVELY IMPACTS BUSINESSES AND WORKERS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
16 PAUL BOWER. YES, MA'AM. OKAY. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JOHN SHANE:** THANK YOU. MY NAME'S JOHN SHANE. I'M HERE FOR TWO
19 CAUSES, ONE IS THE TORRANCE CHAMBER WHICH I'VE BEEN A MEMBER,
20 ACTIVE INVOLVED FOR 20 YEARS NOW. THEN I'VE ALSO BEEN INVOLVED
21 IN A BUSINESS YOU HAVE GONE TO BUT PROBABLY DON'T KNOW MUCH
22 ABOUT IT. IT'S CALLED THE NATIONAL FLEA MARKET ASSOCIATION.
23 FLEA MARKET IS A WEST COAST TERM FOR SWAP MEETS ON THE WEST
24 COAST, EAST COAST TERM FOR THE WEST COAST. GIVE YOU A LITTLE
25 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW OUR BUSINESS RUNS. I KNOW YOU GO THERE,

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1 SHOP, GO HOME AND THINK THEY'RE WONDERFUL. HOWEVER, WE'RE
2 LARGE NOW. WE'VE BEEN INCORPORATED SINCE 1998. WE PROVIDE A
3 BUSINESS FOR 2.25 MILLION VENDORS. THESE ARE NOT EMPLOYEES.
4 THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HIRE OTHER PEOPLE. OUR INDUSTRY KICKS OFF
5 \$30 BILLION ANNUALLY IN SALES. WE RUN THROUGH 150 MILLION
6 SHOPPERS EACH YEAR. WE CONTRIBUTE LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL
7 ECONOMIES THROUGH YOU REAL ESTATE, FOOD, SALES AND USE TAXES.
8 WE ARE A BILL INDUSTRY. CALIFORNIA IS NUMBER 1 IN THE COUNTRY
9 WITH 105 SWAP MEETS ACTIVE HERE. SO SPEAKING FOR THEM. ALONG
10 THE WAY, I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR SEVERAL YEARS
11 NOW. AND I WOULD LIKE FOR EVERYONE IF THEY DON'T KNOW THAT WE
12 CURRENTLY HAVE A MINIMUM WAGE PROGRAM THAT IS SET IN PLACE AND
13 I WAS PART OF THAT YEARS AGO. IF WE DO NOTHING AT THIS MEETING
14 EXCEPT PUT THIS OFF AND VOTE AGAINST IT, MINIMUM WAGE WILL GO
15 UP IN 2016 ANOTHER DOLLAR AS IT DID THIS PAST YEAR. SO WE HAVE
16 SOMETHING NOW IN PLACE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO REPLACE. IF YOU
17 TAKE A DOLLAR A YEAR, WHICH ALL THE PEOPLE I DO BUSINESS WITH
18 NORMALLY COULD ACCEPT THAT. SO WE CAN WORK THAT OUT EVEN
19 THOUGH IT WAS MORE THAN A 10 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PRIOR
20 YEAR AND IT CONTINUES TO BE THAT. NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT A 66
21 PERCENT INCREASE OVER FIVE YEARS, WHICH I DON'T BELIEVE ANY
22 BUSINESS PERSON IN THIS ROOM WOULD ALLOW IN THEIR OWN COMPANY.
23 AND THIS IS NOTHING BUT A VERY LARGE, HUGE COMPANY. SO PEOPLE
24 WILL GO OUT OF BUSINESS. I'M ALREADY LOOKING AT WAYS TO CUT
25 JOBS AND CUT TIME. THANK YOU FOR HEARING FROM ME.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. NANCY BERLIN. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **HELEN HUA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HELEN HUA. I'M WITH THE
5 ROSEMEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M REPRESENTING THE SAN GABRIEL
6 VALLEY LEGISLATIVE COALITION OF CHAMBERS AND IN PARTNERSHIP
7 WITH BIZFED. WHILE WE ARE OBVIOUSLY STILL AGAINST THE INCREASE
8 OF THE WAGE, I KNOW THAT THE ORDINANCE IS ON THE TABLE TODAY,
9 SO WE'D LIKE TO SPEAK MORE ABOUT THAT. AS WE MENTIONED LAST
10 TIME, IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THE DETAILS RIGHT. THAT ONE SIZE
11 DOES NOT FIT ALL. SO SOME OF THE POINTS WE'D LIKE TO
12 ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZE ARE EXCLUDING THE LANGUAGE DEFINING AN
13 EMPLOYEE WHICH RIGHT NOW STATES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKS
14 AT LEAST TWO HOURS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS WILL ALSO
15 BE PAID THE SAME WAGE AS THOSE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE
16 THINK IT'S ARBITRARY. IT WOULD CAUSE CHAOS IN UPHOLDING THIS
17 CLAUSE AND ADD UNDUE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN. ADDITIONALLY WE'D
18 LIKE TO IMPORE THE SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE
19 DEFINITION OF A SMALL BUSINESS TO 100 EMPLOYEES. THE FEDERAL
20 GUIDELINES AND ALSO THROUGH THE S.B.A. 500 HAS BEEN THE
21 AVERAGE GUIDELINE. AND WE DON'T THINK THAT 100 IS ASKING FOR
22 TOO MUCH MORE. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TIPS TO BE COUNTED IN THE
23 TOTAL COMPENSATION AND IN THIS MINIMUM WAGE CALCULATION. AND
24 OF COURSE WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S PROPOSED
25 AMMENDMENT TO EXEMPT NONPROFITS AND ALSO SEASONAL EMPLOYEES.

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1 AND FINALLY WE WOULD REQUEST THAT YOUTH WORKERS ARE ALSO
2 EXEMPTED FROM THIS MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE. NOT ONLY WILL THE
3 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IN THE STATE IN JANUARY BUT MERELY SIX
4 MONTHS LATER, BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS WILL AGAIN IN THE CITY
5 OF L.A. AND IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS BE ASKED TO INCREASE THEIR
6 WAGE ONCE AGAIN. SO WE WANT TO PROTECT ANY BUSINESSES OR
7 NONPROFITS WHO WILL BE ESPECIALLY BURDENED BY THIS MINIMUM
8 WAGE INCREASE. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE BOARD STAY ACTIVE ON THE
9 SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE AND SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT THAT
10 WERE APPROVED AT PRIOR MEETINGS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NANCY BERLIN.
13 YES, SIR.

14

15 **DUSTAN BATTON:** GOOD MORNING. I AM DUSTIN BATON OF THE LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, BIZFED, REPRESENTING 150
17 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, 272,000 BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY 3
18 MILLION HUMAN BEINGS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND WE URGE YOU TO
19 CONSIDER SEVERAL ITEMS IN THE CURRENT DRAFT. A COUPLE MONTHS
20 AGO, THE L.A.E.D.C.'S REPORT LISTED FOUR SUBSTANTIAL REASONS A
21 MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE WOULD HARM THE ECONOMY OF LOS ANGELES.
22 NUMBER 1, MANY PRICES WILL INCREASE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT
23 LOWER MC HOUSEHOLDS CURRENTLY FACE. 2 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
24 FOR THOSE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SKILLS LADDER WILL BE GREATLY
25 DIMINISHED. NUMBER 3, EMPLOYMENT GROWTH WILL SLOW. AND FOURTH

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1 AND FINALLY BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THERE WILL BE LITTLE IMPACT
2 IF ANY ON POVERTY IN LOS ANGELES. COUPLE THAT INFORMATION WITH
3 THE POLL RESULTS OF BIZFED'S RECENT ANNUAL POLL OF OUR MEMBERS
4 AND NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF BUSINESS OWNERS ANSWERED THAT THEY
5 PLAN ON INCREASING THEIR INVESTMENT IN DURABLE GOODS AND
6 TECHNOLOGIES OVER LABOR. THE TIMES ARE CHANGING AND A LEVELED
7 AND STUDIED APPROACH IS NEEDED. WHAT IS THE RUSH? THE CITY OF
8 L.A. INCREASE DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT FOR UNDER A YEAR. THE
9 2016 BALLOT WILL LIKELY HAVE ITS OWN INCREASE FOR VOTER
10 CONSIDERATION. NOT TO MENTION THAT AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS
11 OF AN INCREASE ON CONTRACTORS HAVE NOT BEEN PERFORMED AT THIS
12 TIME. THE AREA OF EMPLOYEES POSITION TO BE HIT HARDEST BY THE
13 INCREASE. THE ISSUES THAT AFFLICT THE CITY'S ORDINANCE ARE THE
14 SAME THAT AFFLICT THIS. THE DEFINITION OF AN EMPLOYEE. EXTRA
15 PHASE-IN TIME FOR BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS WITH 100 EMPLOYEES
16 OR LESS. TOTAL COMPENSATION INCLUDING TIPS. AND THE NEGATIVE
17 IMPACTS ON MOM AND POP BUSINESSES WHO WILL BE HIT THE HARDEST.
18 THESE ARE BUT A FEW ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISEN AROUND THE L.A.
19 CITY INCREASE. THEIR COPY AND PASTE POLICY MEASURES ARE NOT
20 LEADING THE WAY. THE CITY OF L.A., THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
21 AND ALL THE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THOSE LINES DESERVE A POLICY THAT
22 IS BUILT FOR THEM AND NOT SEATTLE OR SAN FRANCISCO OR CHICAGO.
23 BIZFED AND OUR MEMBERS URGE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS TO FURTHER REVIEW THE CURRENT DRAFT AND CONSIDER
25 THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN
3 HOWLAND. YES, SIR.

4

5 **RUBEN GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS RUBEN GONZALEZ ON BEHALF OF THE
6 L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. TODAY WE'RE OUT OF THE REALM OF
7 TALKING ABOUT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS
8 YOU'VE HEARD FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY BUSINESS
9 OWNERS TELLING YOU EXACTLY WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE. NOW
10 THEY'RE INTENDED AS YOU TAKE THIS VOTE. AND WE'RE BEYOND
11 TRYING TO CHANGE THE OVERALL POLICY EVEN THOUGH WHEN YOU TAKE
12 THAT VOTE, NOT THAT DAY, NOT THE NEXT DAY, BUT A YEAR FROM
13 THEN SOMEONE LOST THEIR JOB IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND OTHER
14 AREAS OF THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. AS BUSINESSES THAT CAN
15 AFFORD TO WILL AUTOMATE AND BUSINESSES THAT CAN'T WILL JUST DO
16 MORE WITH LESS. AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MAGIC NUMBER OF SIX
17 EMPLOYEES CAME FROM FOR THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL, BUT
18 THERE WILL BE MORE OF THOSE BUSINESSES OF SIX AS THEY CUT DOWN
19 FROM 10 AND 9 AND 8 TO LOWER NUMBERS TO BE ABLE TO ABSORB AN
20 OVER 66 PERCENT INCREASE IN LABOR COSTS. SO PLEASE AT THIS
21 POINT LET'S AT LEAST TAKE OFF THE ROUGH EDGES. PLEASE EXTEND
22 THE PHASE-IN. PLEASE EXEMPT NONPROFITS AND SEASONAL WORKERS.
23 PLEASE LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT. DO WHAT YOU CAN
24 TO MAKE THIS BAD POLICY LESS BAD. AND AS WE LOOK AT WAGE
25 ENFORCEMENT, NO ONE IS IN FAVOR OF WAGE THEFT, WHO IS A GOOD

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1 ACTOR. MOST CORPORATE CITIZENS ARE GOOD AND THEY PAY THEIR
2 WORKERS. IT'S ABHORRENT TO STEAL WAGES FROM THOSE WHO CAN
3 LEAST AFFORD IT, OR ANYONE. BUT IT'S ALSO ABHORRENT TO PUT IN
4 A SYSTEM OF ENFORCEMENT THAT MAKES BUSINESSES GUILTY UNTIL
5 THEY PROVE THEMSELVES INNOCENT AFTER SPENDING A GREAT DEAL OF
6 TIME AND RESOURCES TO PROVE THEMSELVES INNOCENT AND OPENING
7 THE DOOR FROM ABUSES. THERE MUST BE A FAIR SYSTEM TO ENFORCE
8 WAGES. THERE MUST BE A FAIR SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T ALLOW ABUSE,
9 THAT DOESN'T ALLOW THE A.D.H. ROLES THAT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF
10 THOSE LAWS TO BECOME WAGE TROLLS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE.
11 SO IN THE END BE PRACTICAL, PRAGMATIC AND TRY TO PROTECT AS
12 MANY JOBS AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO ALEX DAVIS. YES, SIR.

15

16 **PAUL BAUER:** I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE
17 BOARD FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS PAUL BAUER. I
18 REPRESENT MOUNTAIN HIGH SKI RESORT. WE ARE IN THE EASTERN MOST
19 PORTION OF L.A. COUNTY JUST OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY OF
20 WRIGHTWOOD. WE ARE A SEASONAL BUSINESS. WE TALK ABOUT THE
21 SEASONAL EXEMPTION THAT'S GOING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. LET
22 ME GIVE YOU QUICK BACKGROUND ON HOW OUR BUSINESS OPERATES. FOR
23 THE MOST OF THE YEAR WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 50 EMPLOYEES. AS WE
24 GET COMING TO WINTER, AS WE GET TO WINTER, WE HAVE TO START
25 HIRING EMPLOYEES BECAUSE WE GET SNOW, WE MAKE SNOW. OUR

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1 OPERATION INCREASES. WE GO FROM ABOUT 50 EMPLOYEES, WE GO ALL
2 THE WAY UP TO AS MANY AS MAYBE 900. SOME OF THESE EMPLOYEES
3 MAY ONLY WORK FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS, MAYBE ONLY A WEEKEND, MAYBE
4 EVERY OTHER WEEKEND, MAYBE JUST A FEW BUSY TIMES DURING THE
5 SEASON. THIS WAGE INCREASE WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT TO
6 OUR BUSINESS. THE OTHER PART OF THAT COMES INTO PLAY IS THE
7 DISADVANTAGE THAT WE WILL NOW HAVE WITH THE OTHER SKI RESORTS
8 THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE REALLY THE ONLY
9 SIGNIFICANT SKI RESORT WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. OUTSIDE OF L.A.
10 COUNTY THERE ARE FOUR OTHER RESORTS. THE FOUR OTHER RESORTS
11 WILL NOW HAVE A SERIOUS COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE BECAUSE THE ONLY
12 WAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO STAY WITHIN THIS WAGE
13 INCREASE IS CUT HOURS, REDUCE SERVICES, WHICH WILL MAKE IT A
14 LOT MORE DIFFICULT TO HAVE MORE EMPLOYEES WORKING, WHICH IS
15 WHAT WE WANT TO DO. LET ME KIND OF GIVE, TAKE IT IN A NUTSHELL
16 AT THE END. AS WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SERVICES THAT WE HAVE,
17 WE'LL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOURS. THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT
18 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO COME RECREATE IN THE
19 MOUNTAINS, GET OUT OF THE CITY, GET SOMEWHERE WHERE IT'S FUN,
20 IT'S ENJOYABLE, HEALTHY. YOU BRING YOUR FAMILY. THOSE
21 OPPORTUNITIES ARE GOING TO BE REDUCED AND IT'S GOING TO BE
22 REDUCED IN A WAY THAT I DON'T THINK IS FAIR. WE REALLY SUPPORT
23 THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES THAT WORK ON THAT
24 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AND ONE THING I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH IS
25 THEY COME BECAUSE THEY WANT TO SKI. THEY COME BECAUSE THEY

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1 WANT THEIR KIDS TO SKI. EVERY ONE OF OUR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES
2 GETS A SEASON PASS OR TICKETS FOR THEIR FAMILY OR FREE
3 RENTALS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I HOPE YOU GUYS VOTE FOR
4 THAT SEASONAL EXEMPTION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MATT
7 SUTTON. MATT SUTTON. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **NANCY BERLIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NANCY BERLIN. I'M THE
10 POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFITS,
11 A STATEWIDE ALLIANCE OF NEARLY 10,000 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.
12 A SURVEY WE CONDUCTED ON THE MINIMUM WAGE IN NOVEMBER 2015
13 SHOWED THAT 77 PERCENT OF OUR NONPROFITS SUPPORT INCREASES IN
14 THE MINIMUM WAGE. FURTHER, THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS THAT
15 EXEMPTIONS WERE DESIRED OR SEEN AS GOOD PUBLIC POLICY. IN
16 FACT, SURVEY RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT RAISING THE MINIMUM
17 WAGE WOULD ASSIST WITH STAFF RETENTION AND MORALE AND WOULD
18 BENEFIT THE WORKING FAMILIES THEY SERVE. ADDITIONALLY, OUR
19 MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED A CONCERN THAT EXEMPTING NONPROFITS
20 FROM THE MINIMUM WAGE WOULD HAVE THE NEGATIVE RESULT OF
21 CREATING A LOW-WAGE SECTOR WITHIN THE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY.
22 NONPROFITS ARE SEEN AS TRUSTED CIVIC INSTITUTIONS THAT ACT
23 ETHICALLY AND PROMOTE POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE. PROVIDING
24 NONPROFIT EMPLOYEES WITH BETTER WAGES TO DO CRITICALLY
25 IMPORTANT WORK PRESERVES THIS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND IMPROVES

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1 THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE REPRESENT. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP DR. GENEVIEVE
5 CLAVREUL. YES, SIR.

6

7 **JOHN HOWLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHN HOWLAND WITH THE
8 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. C.C.A. WAS THE FIRST BUSINESS
9 ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT MAYOR GARCETTI'S MINIMUM WAGE
10 PROPOSAL. WE DID HAVE SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS. FOREMOST WAS THE
11 NEED TO SPREAD OUT THE PHASE-IN FOR THE HIGHER WAGE TO GIVE
12 EMPLOYERS MORE TIME TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. WE REMAIN VERY
13 CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN SUCH
14 A SHORT TIME. WITHOUT THE LONGER PHASE-IN THIS PROPOSAL WILL
15 HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND WIDE RANGING DAMAGE TO OUR ECONOMY
16 ESPECIALLY THE SMALL BUSINESSES. MOREOVER, WE SUPPORT
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TYPES OF
18 NONPROFITS FROM THE COUNTY'S NEW MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS. WE
19 SPOKE TO THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT COUNCILMEMBER CEDILLO'S MOTION
20 TO EXEMPT GROUPS LIKE HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, CHRYSALIS AND THE
21 CONSERVATION CORE FROM ASPECTS OF THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS.
22 THESE GROUPS PROVIDE MANY TRANSITIONAL SERVICES TO PEOPLE
23 COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS, GANG LIFE OR SERVICES AT-RISK
24 YOUTH. THESE GROUPS AND MANY OF THESE SERVICES ARE MUCH MORE
25 THAN JUST A WAGE. THE COUNCIL AGREED AND IT'S A GOOD START FOR

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1 THE COUNTY. FURTHER, I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD OF THE BOYS &
2 GIRLS CLUB THAT SERVES OVER 4,500 YOUTH IN SUPERVISOR KNABE
3 AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' DISTRICTS. OUR STAFF DESERVE FAR
4 MORE THAN WHAT WE PAY THEM. THEY ARE LITERALLY SAVING THE
5 LIVES OF NUMEROUS KIDS AND IN MANY CASES ARE THE ONLY POSITIVE
6 VOICE THAT THOSE KIDS WILL HEAR IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DAY.
7 BUT THE CLUB HAS TO FIGHT FOR EVERY DOLLAR IT CAN GET. STATES
8 AND FEDERAL FUNDING HAS BEEN CUT. FOUNDATION, CORPORATE AND
9 PERSONAL GIVING HAS BECOME MUCH MORE COMPETITIVE SINCE THE
10 RECESSION. THIS IS A ZERO-SUM GAME. IF WE RAISE PAYROLL, WE
11 HAVE TO CUT SERVICES AND WE HAVE TO CUT HOURS. MANY NONPROFITS
12 FACE THIS DILEMMA. SO PLEASE GIVE THEM A BREAK. FINALLY ON
13 WAGE THEFT, I'D LIKE TO ECHO WHAT RUBEN FROM THE CHAMBER SAID,
14 WAGE THEFT IS A CRIME AND IT SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH. BUT
15 THE LAWS MUST BE WRITTEN AND ENFORCED IN SUCH A WAY THAT
16 COMPANIES AND EMPLOYERS WHO MAKE AN HONEST MISTAKE, A CLERICAL
17 ERROR, ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECTIFY IT WITHOUT BEING
18 TREATED AS CRIMINALS. WE NEED A SYSTEM THAT'S TRANSPARENT AND
19 FAIR TO EVERYBODY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP REBECCA
22 RONQUILLO AND ERIC PREVEN.

23

24 **ALEX DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
25 THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. MY NAME IS ALEX

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1 DAVIS. I'M WITH THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.
2 VICA COLLECTIVELY WE REPRESENT OVER 400 VALLEY BUSINESSES. AND
3 OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN
4 CLEAR IN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING THE CURRENT
5 PROCESS OF RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. NAMELY, THAT RAISING THE
6 MINIMUM WAGE WILL NOT HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. INSTEAD,
7 YOU'RE BURDENING THE REGION WITH BURDENSOME RED TAPE AND
8 ADDING TO THE NOTION THAT THIS REGION IS BAD FOR BUSINESS. WE
9 RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THIS BOARD CONSIDER FUTURE ACTIONS TO
10 HELP PROTECT LOCAL BUSINESSES, SUCH AS LOOKING AT HOW A
11 MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE WILL AFFECT SMALL BUSINESSES AND
12 NONPROFITS, CAREFULLY DEFINING AN EMPLOYEE AND CONSIDERING AN
13 EMPLOYEE'S TOTAL COMPENSATION. WE APPRECIATE YOUR DUE CAUTION
14 WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO LOOK TOWARDS RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP MITCHELL JOHNSON.

18

19 **MATT SUTTON:** HI, MY NAME IS MATT SUTTON. I'M WITH THE
20 CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS
21 HEARING TODAY. I WANTED TO START JUST BY -- YOU KNOW WE'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT THIS WAGE INCREASE AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
23 KEEP IN MIND THAT THE STATEWIDE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IS STILL
24 NOT FULLY TAKEN EFFECT YET AND THAT WAS A TOUGH PILL TO
25 SWALLOW FOR RESTAURANTS. RESTAURANTS GENERALLY ARE ON VERY,

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1 VERY THIN MARGINS, MAYBE 5 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. RIGHT NOW
2 THERE'S INCREASED COSTS WITH WORKER'S COMPENSATION, THIS 25
3 PERCENT INCREASE ON THE MINIMUM WAGE AT THE STATE LEVEL,
4 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAXES, IT'S A TOUGH TIME RIGHT NOW.
5 THERE ARE SIGNS OF THE ECONOMY IMPROVING, OF COURSE. BUT THE
6 RESTAURANT COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GRAPPLE WITH SOME OF THESE
7 COSTS. SO WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU BE A LITTLE BIT MORE TARGETED
8 IN THE INCREASE. AND THAT HELPS INSURE THAT THE BENEFITS GO TO
9 WHO I THINK YOU INTEND THEM TO GO TO. AND TO THAT END, WE
10 WOULD SUGGEST CONSIDER AN EMPLOYEE'S TOTAL COMPENSATION OR
11 TOTAL EARNINGS IN MINIMUM WAGE CALCULATIONS. ACCORDING TO
12 STATEWIDE DATA THAT SUGGESTS THAT MANY TIP SERVERS ON AVERAGE
13 ARE MAKING \$19 AN HOUR. THE OTHER ISSUES WITH REGARD TO YOUTH
14 UNEMPLOYMENT, WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN SOME OF THESE OTHER CITIES
15 THAT HAVE GONE INTO THE SUPER MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL OF \$13, \$14,
16 \$15, YOU SEE A DROP-OFF IN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT. IT BECOMES A LOT
17 HARDER AND RISKIER FOR AN OPERATOR OF A RESTAURANT TO TAKE A
18 RISK ON A RELATIVELY UNTRAINED YOUTH AND TAKE A CHANCE AT SUCH
19 HIGH LEVELS. THAT'S WHAT WE HEAR. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEING
20 IN SOME OF THE OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE. CALIFORNIA
21 UNFORTUNATELY IS HOME TO 6 OF THE WORST REGIONS FOR YOUTH
22 EMPLOYMENT. THOSE ALSO CORRELATE WITH THE VERY HIGH MINIMUM
23 WAGES. SO WE WOULD PROPOSE AND ADVOCATE FOR A ROBUST YOUTH
24 WAGE THAT WOULD INCLUDE PEOPLE UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE. THANK
25 YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KENNETH WISEMANN,
3 MARV MARTINEZ. YES, SIR. OR YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **REBECCA RONQUILLO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REBECCA RONQUILLO
6 AND I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE KOREATOWN IMMIGRANT WORKERS
7 ALLIANCE, KIWA. AND I'M ALSO A WORKER. WHILE I WAS RAISING MY
8 CHILDREN AS A SINGLE MOTHER, I WORKED AT A RESTAURANT IN
9 PASADENA AND IN GLENDALE. I WAS A WAITRESS. IT WAS A NEW DELHI
10 PALACE. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, ACTUALLY, I WAS UNAWARE THAT I WAS
11 BEING A VICTIM OF WAGE THEFT. I DIDN'T EVEN GET A NOTICE THAT
12 I WAS BEING LET GO. AND THEN YEARS LATER REALIZED THAT I WAS
13 OWED MONEY AND I WAS NEVER BEING PAID THE MINIMUM WAGE. TODAY
14 I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT MY SON IS 18 AND MY DAUGHTER IS 15 AND
15 I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH AND FOR MY COMMUNITY TO
16 STOP WHAT I WAS A VICTIM OF MANY YEARS AGO. IT IS SAD TO SEE
17 THAT WE MENTION AFTER THE RECESSION THINGS GOT HARD, BUT FOR
18 ME AS A WORKER AND NOW AN ORGANIZER, THINGS WERE DIFFICULT
19 MANY YEARS AGO. AND IT STILL CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE. I AM
20 HERE TO CONGRATULATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THIS
21 VERY COURAGEOUS AND BOLD STEP IN RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE AND
22 ALSO LOOKING OUT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATION AND FOR ME BECAUSE
23 I STILL REMAIN A WORKER. WE REALLY NEED STRONG PROTECTIONS FOR
24 WORKERS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD.
25 EVERYTHING HAS BEEN GOING UP. I HAD TO LIVE ON \$20 A WEEK

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1 RAISING MY KIDS. AND I WOULD BUY WHAT WAS LEFT OF A CHICKEN
2 AFTER THEY PEELED OFF ALL THE MEAT, CALIFORNIA MARKET, KINGSLEY
3 AND CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS ONLY \$3 BECAUSE THAT'S ALL I COULD
4 AFFORD AND \$20 A WEEK WITH TWO CHILDREN. IF THAT DOESN'T SAY
5 THAT FOOD HAS GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY IN COMPARISON TO THE WAGE
6 NOT ONLY IN L.A. BUT THE COUNTY, THEN THERE'S A SERIOUS
7 PROBLEM HERE. I ASK THAT WE CONTINUE TO CREATE CONSCIOUSNESS.
8 THERE'S A LOT OF WORKERS OUT THERE THAT DON'T KNOW THAT THIS
9 IS A CRIME. BUT ALSO FIND THE PATH TO A SOLUTION WHERE WE'RE
10 ALL ABLE TO AFFORD MILK AND EGGS, WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING UP FOR
11 SEVERAL YEARS NOW AND THE MINIMUM WAGE HAS BEEN FROZEN. NOT
12 ONLY IN L.A. BUT ALSO IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE NEED STRONGER
13 ENFORCEMENT AND A HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE TO BE ABLE TO LIVE.
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
17 GUILLERMO DONDE MANZON. MR. PREVEN.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN AND I SUPPORT INCREASING
20 THE MINIMUM WAGE. AND I WOULD JUST POINT OUT THAT THE PRICE OF
21 EGGS HAS GONE THROUGH THE ROOF FOR ORDINARY RESIDENTS IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY NOW, AND IT IS VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS
23 IS HAPPENING. I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT WAGE THEFT IS AMONG THE
24 MOST DISGUSTING CRIMES THAT WE DO NOT ENFORCE WELL ENOUGH AT
25 ALL. WE HAVE TO DO A MUCH BETTER JOB IN THAT SPACE. AND I

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1 WOULD ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SPECIFICALLY MARY
2 WICKHAM WHO IS THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO LOOK INTO THE JOB ORDER
3 CONTRACTING PROGRAM AND WHETHER OR NOT THESE JOB ORDER
4 CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ROLLING OUT ONE AFTER THE OTHER
5 ARE IN FACT GOING TO BE -- IF WE PASS THIS ORDINANCE, I ASSUME
6 THAT ALL THOSE JOBS THAT ARE CURRENTLY MURKY AND IT'S NOT
7 CLEAR WHAT PEOPLE ARE BEING HIRED AT WILL BE BROUGHT INTO
8 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS WAGE ORDINANCE. BUT THE LANGUAGE THAT
9 TALKS ABOUT THE FACTS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ON THESE JOB
10 ORDER CONTRACTS DOESN'T -- ISN'T ESPECIALLY COMFORTING. IT
11 SAYS THAT AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD IN AUGUST OF '97 AND AS A
12 THRESHOLD REQUIREMENT FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THIS AWARD, THIS
13 GROUP IS CALLED NEW CREATION IS WILLING TO CONSIDER GREATER
14 AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE THAT'S GAIN AND G.R. OPPORTUNITIES
15 FOR WORK GROW PROGRAMS. IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING. IT SAYS "PAY
16 PREVAILING STATE WAGE RATES TO PERSONS EMPLOYED UNDER THESE
17 JOBS." SO I'VE ASKED THIS QUESTION NUMEROUS TIMES. THE C.E.O.
18 IS GOING TO REPORT BACK ON JOB ORDER CONTRACTS AS PUBLIC
19 WORKS, AS PARKS AND REC, AS I.S.D. ALL THESE GROUPS WILL
20 REPORT. WE ARE INCREASINGLY USING THESE CONTRACTING PROGRAMS
21 WHICH ALLOW FOR KIND OF A TIME AND MATERIALS AND YOU DON'T GET
22 SOME SEE WHAT THE FOLKS ARE MAKING. AND I THINK THAT THE WAY
23 THEY DELIVER ON 55 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. THE RATE BOOK SAYS
24 IT'S A DOLLAR. THEY DELIVER AT 55 CENTS. I THINK THEY ARE
25 HIRING PEOPLE AT LOWER RATES. I THINK IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO

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1 DELIVER SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. SO I WOULD ASK THAT YOU LOOK AT
2 THAT AND LET'S GET THE MINIMUM WAGE UP THERE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RUTH
5 SARNOFF. YES, SIR.

6

7 **KEN WISEMAN:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
8 THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS KEN WISEMAN, C.E.O. OF A.M.S.
9 FULFILLMENT. I SPOKE LAST JUST BEFORE THE DECISION TO RAISE
10 THE MINIMUM WAGE. SO I PUT IN SOME PLANS THE NECESSARY STEPS
11 TO REDUCE MY STAFF BY ABOUT 10 PERCENT AND I'M LOOKING INTO AN
12 EAST COAST OPERATION PROBABLY IN NEW JERSEY. BUT I'M HERE
13 TODAY TO TALK ABOUT A SECOND GROUP OF EMPLOYEES THAT I HOPE
14 YOU CAN HELP ME KEEP. AND SO I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE
15 MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE NO. 58. I WANT TO FIRST TALK ABOUT THE
16 25-PERSON LIMIT TO STAFFING FOR A NOT-FOR-PROFIT. PLEASANT
17 VIEW INDUSTRIES FOR INSTANCE IS A COMPANY THAT HELPS
18 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS FIND WORK. I HAVE
19 APPROXIMATELY 22 WITH THEIR CLIENTS WORKING FOR ME NOW. THERE
20 SHOULD BE AN EXEMPTION THAT SAYS EXCLUDING THE NUMBER OF WAGE-
21 SUPPORTED CLIENTS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ONLY HAVE FIVE STAFF
22 WORKING AT THAT COMPANY, BUT THEY HAVE ABOUT 30, 40, 50
23 DISMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS WHO ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY THEM.
24 THIS SHOULD CLEARLY EXEMPT THEM. PLUS YOU DON'T -- MY
25 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS DON'T WANT TO MAKE MORE THAN 9

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1 BECAUSE IT MEANS THEY HAVE TO WORK LESS HOURS AND THEY LOVE TO
2 COME TO WORK. THEY ALREADY CAN'T WORK MORE THAN 30 HOURS
3 BECAUSE THEY LOSE THEIR IMPORTANT BENEFITS. NOW WITH THE WAGE
4 INCREASE, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK ONLY 26 HOURS BECAUSE
5 THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THOSE BENEFITS. YOU REALLY SHOULD
6 LOOK OUT FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY SOME OF THE MOST
7 EXCITED EMPLOYEES I HAVE COMING TO WORK. THE OTHER GROUP IS MY
8 AT-RISK YOUTH. I DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO GIVE THESE KIDS AN
9 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK. AND THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IS GOING TO
10 MAKE THIS HARDER FOR ME. I'M REALLY HOPING THAT WHEN YOU LOOK
11 AT SEASONAL WORK YOU CAN ALSO LOOK AT EMPLOYERS LIKE US WHO GO
12 OUT OF OUR WAY TO PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL WORK, WEEKEND WORK. I
13 WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S YOUTH FOUNDATION TO
14 ATTRACT IN YOUTH THAT REALLY NEED A STEP UP. AND THERE IS A
15 COUPLE GOOD COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT HELP AT LEAST GET KIDS' FEET
16 IN THE DOOR. BUT I NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THESE KIDS EMPLOYED.
17 I HOPE YOU CAN ALSO EXEMPT YOUTH THAT NEED THESE JOBS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. WISEMAN. LET ME ALSO
20 CALL UP YANIN SENACHAI. YES, SIR.

21

22 **MARA MARTINEZ:** HELLO MY NAME IS MARA MARTINEZ I'M AN ORGANIZER
23 AT THE GARMENT WORKERS CENTER AND ALSO PROUD DAUGHTER OF
24 GARMENT WORKER PARENTS. THE GARMENT INDUSTRY HAS THE HIGHEST
25 RATE OF MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATIONS AND WAGE THEFT IS ALL TOO

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1 COMMON IN IN INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF THE ABUSE OF THE PIECE RATE
2 WHERE WORKERS ARE BEING PAID FOR THE AMOUNTS OF PIECES THAT
3 THEY PRODUCE INSTEAD OF THE HOURS THAT THEY WORK. WITH PIECE
4 RATES AS LOW AS 4 CENTS, IT IS NO WONDER THAT THESE MINIMUM
5 WAGE VIOLATIONS ARE SO RAMPANT. WORKERS NOT ONLY HAVE TO WORK
6 THROUGH THEIR MEAL AND REST BREAKS IN ORDER TO MEET HIGH
7 QUOTASES, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE TO WORK LONG HOURS. A RECENT
8 STUDY WE DID AT THE GARMENT WORKER CENTERS SHOWS THAT GARMENT
9 WORKERS ARE WORKING 10 HOURS, 12 HOURS OR 14 HOURS IN ORDER TO
10 MEET ENDS MEET ON THE LOW WAGES THAT THEY RECEIVE. ON AVERAGE,
11 GARMENT WORKERS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING WAGE THEFT GET AROUND \$5
12 PER HOUR INSTEAD OF WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE \$9 THAT THEY
13 SHOULD BE RECEIVING. THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT
14 LOS ANGELES IS SWEAT SHOP FREE IS IF WE REALLY PUT MONEY AND
15 RESOURCES INTO ENFORCING THE MINIMUM WAGE SO THAT GARMENT
16 WORKERS ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE OF MAKING ENDS MEET. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP CORNELL
19 JONES. YES, SIR.

20

21 **GUILLERMO DONDI MANZON:** MY NAME IS GUILLERMO. I AM AN
22 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND I ALSO WORK FOR A NONPROFIT
23 WORKERS' CENTER. FIRST THE INDUSTRY OF AMBULANCE INDUSTRY IN
24 L.A. COUNTY. I WAS A VICTIM OF WAGE THEFT. I LOST 30 HOURS
25 WORTH OF OVERTIME. AND TO THINK THAT THIS INDUSTRY ARE ALL

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1 CITIZENS WHO ARE BORN AND RAISED HERE. SO THAT'S ONE. AND
2 SECOND IS THE CARE-GIVING INDUSTRY. EVEN THOUGH A.B.-241 HAS
3 PASSED AND THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR, SOME OF THE HOME CARE
4 BUSINESSES ARE NOT PAYING OVERTIME TO THEIR CAREGIVERS. THANK
5 YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I THINK WE HAVE TO
8 START LOOKING AT WHAT THE JOBS OF THE FUTURE MIGHT LOOK LIKE
9 BECAUSE I THINK THE MINING AND THE DRILLING AND THE STRIP
10 MINING AND THESE TYPES OF INDUSTRIES ARE WHAT'S PRODUCING
11 GLOBAL WARMING AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE JOBS AND
12 ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF DOING THINGS. SMALL SYSTEMS SEEM TO WORK
13 BETTER THAN BIG SYSTEMS. THEY CREATE MORE SECURITY AND THE
14 BIGGEST RESOURCE WE HAVE IS HUMAN BEINGS. I WOULD URGE PEOPLE
15 IN THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO THINK OF HOW THEY MIGHT
16 COMBINE THEIR FINANCING TOGETHER AND TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE SOME
17 OTHER INDUSTRIES IF THEY CANNOT FUNCTION IN THE INDUSTRY THAT
18 THEY ARE IN. I THINK OF THE PROVIDING OF FRESH PRODUCE WHICH
19 COULD BE ADDED TO ALMOST ANY BUSINESS. I THINK OF THE
20 REDESIGNING OF CLOTHING, WHICH WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF
21 GLUT OF CLOTHING AND FABRIC THAT COULD BE TURNED INTO A
22 REDESIGNING OF CLOTHES. THERE'S LOTS OF THINGS THAT ARE POINT
23 MORE TOWARD THE FUTURE, THINGS THAT PROVIDE THINGS THAT HUMAN
24 PEOPLE, HUMANS NEED, MORE CHILDCARE, MORE CARE OF THE ELDERLY,

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1 MORE CARE OF THE FRAGILE. MORE OPPORTUNITIES BASED ON WHAT
2 HUMAN NEEDS PEOPLE HAVE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO CALL UP CORNELL JONES. JACQUELINE
5 MEJIA. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **YANIN SENACHAI.:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YANIN SENACHAI.. I'M
8 A WORKERS RIGHTS ATTORNEY AT ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE
9 LOS ANGELES. WE ARE THE NATION'S LARGEST AND OLDEST CIVIL
10 RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SERVING ASIAN-AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS
11 AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. WE WANT TO THANK THE COUNTRY FOR THE
12 INCREASING WAGE BUT WE ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE SUPPORT
13 A COMPREHENSIVE ENFORCEMENT SCHEME AND THIS IS WHY. MOST MY
14 CLIENTS ARE LOW WAGE ASIAN IMMIGRANT WORKERS. THEY CONTINUE TO
15 BE PAID \$3 TO \$5 AN HOUR. THE MINIMUM WAGE HASN'T BEEN \$5
16 SINCE 1997. AND SO EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE
17 INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE, THE INCREASED EARNINGS DO NOT BECOME
18 A REALITY UNLESS THERE'S ACTUAL ENFORCEMENT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
21 ANDY VOLLENIGRO. YES, SIR.

22

23 **CORNEAL JONES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CORNEAL JONES. I AM A PROUD
24 MARINE AND PROUD MEMBER OF THE BLACK WORKERS CENTER. I'M HERE
25 TO SUPPORT THE RAISING OF THE \$15 AN HOUR FOR THE L.A. COUNTY

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1 INCLUDING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PREVENTION AND SICK DAYS. SINCE
2 I'VE MOVED HERE IN 2003 FROM HAWAII, I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
3 VARIOUS CERTIFICATES FROM FIBER OPTICS TECHNICIAN, ALSO
4 CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING. AND I'VE BEEN THREE YEARS WITHOUT
5 GETTING HIRED JUST UNTIL TWO MONTHS AGO. BUT I'M NOT ALONE. I
6 AM ONE OF THE 50 PERCENT OF BLACK WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED. MY WIFE AND I BOTH
8 WORK RIGHT NOW EARN LESS THAN \$13 AN HOUR AND SHE'S BEEN ON
9 HER JOB FOR OVER 12 YEARS. AND IT'S KIND OF HARD FOR US TO
10 SURVIVE OFF OF THAT MINIMUM WAGE. I FOUND LOOKING FOR JOBS IS
11 IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW BUT WHO YOU KNOW. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO
12 FIND JOBS FOR OVER THREE YEARS. AND I JUST SUPPORT THE RAISING
13 OF THE \$15 RAISE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. JONES. LET ME ALSO CALL
16 UP VERONICA FEDEROVSKY AND ARNOLD SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **JACQUELINE MEJIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE MEJIA,
19 POLICY ADVOCATE WITH THE COALITION FOR HUMANE AND IMMIGRANTS
20 RIGHTS LOS ANGELES, CHIRLA. CHIRLA IS A LEADING NONPROFIT
21 IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO ADVANCE THE RIGHTS
22 OF IMMIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BEYOND. CHIRLA
23 SUPPORTS THE INCREASE OF THE MINIMUM WAGE WITH ENFORCEMENT.
24 CHIRLA DOES NOT SUPPORT ANY EXEMPTIONS INCLUDING THE NONPROFIT
25 EXEMPTION. CHIRLA BELIEVES THAT WE CAN ALL ADJUST FOR A MORE

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1 EQUITABLE AND JUST COUNTY. AS A LEADER CHIRLA HAS ALREADY
2 TAKEN AN INITIATIVE IN RAISING OUR EMPLOYEES' WAGES. I'D LIKE
3 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I'D
4 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR PUSHING
5 THE WAGE THEFT AGENDA FORWARD. WE MUST REMEMBER THAT WAGE
6 THEFT IS A CRIME. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR ELECTED
7 OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSTITUENTS OF LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY ARE PAID FOR THEIR HARD EARNED WORK AND THAT
9 UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS ARE REGULATED FOR NOT PLAYING BY THE
10 RULES. ONE THING I WANT TO ADD THAT I HEARD EARLIER WAS THAT
11 THE RAISES OF THE MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT GOING TO HELP FOLKS GET
12 OUT OF POVERTY AND THERE HAVE BEEN STUDIES THAT HAVE SHOWN
13 THAT. THE MORE MONEY THAT WE PUT INTO OUR CONSTITUENTS'
14 POCKETS IS THE MORE MONEY THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SPEND. WE
15 URGE THAT YOU RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE WITH ENFORCEMENT AND WITH
16 NO EXEMPTIONS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **ANDY BALDENEGRO:** HI, MY NAME IS ANDY BALDENEGRO AND I WORK FOR
19 CANTAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER IN THE DAY LABOR DEPARTMENT
20 AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING DAY LABORERS IN LOS ANGELES. I'M
21 GLAD THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF MINIMUM WAGE AND A
22 STRONG ENFORCEMENT PIECE. BUT I FIND THAT AT OUR WORKER
23 CENTER, MANY MUCH OUR WORKERS ARE VICTIMS OF WAGE THEFT. ABOUT
24 80 PERCENT OF OUR WORKERS HAVE WAGE THEFT CASES. MOST OF THEM
25 HAVE MORE THAN ONE WAGE THEFT CASE. AND SO I THINK IT'S REALLY

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1 IMPORTANT THAT WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF WAGE THEFT. BUT MORE
2 IMPORTANTLY, THESE SAME WORKERS ARE THE WORKERS THAT ARE NOT
3 EVEN MAKING MINIMUM WAGE. AND SO WE SEE THAT MANY OF OUR
4 WORKERS ARE LIVING ON A FEW BUCKS. MOST OF THEM ARE HOMELESS.
5 THEY'RE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE THE WAGES
6 ARE SO LOW. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE ONLY MAKING ABOUT \$7 AN
7 HOUR, \$5 AN HOUR BECAUSE YOU HAVE EMPLOYERS WHO KNOW THAT
8 MAYBE THEIR IMMIGRANT STATUS IS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE AND SO
9 THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
10 WORKERS ARE BEING PROTECTED BUT THAT THEY'RE ALSO MAKING A
11 LIVING WAGE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MICHAEL
14 RAPKIN. YES.

15

16 **VERONICA FEDEROVSY:** HI, MY NAME IS VERONICA FEDEROVSKI, I'M
17 THE WEST COAST COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL DAY LABORER
18 ORGANIZATION, I WORK WITH MORE THAN 40 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK
19 FOR DAY LABOR AND DOMESTIC WORKER RIGHTS AROUND THE COUNTRY.
20 IN LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE MEMBERS LIKE CARISSA, [INAUDIBLE]
21 PASADENA CENTER AND [INAUDIBLE] WHO ARE PART OF OUR NETWORK.
22 AND WE SUPPORT THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE BECAUSE THE MORE
23 MONEY THE FAMILIES EARN, THE MORE THEY INVEST IN THE
24 COMMUNITIES. BUT THE REALITY ALSO IS THAT THE POPULATION WE
25 WORK WITH WE AS I SAID ARE DAY LABORERS AND DOMESTIC WORKERS.

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1 ONE OF THE MOST EXPLOITED AND ABUSED INDUSTRIES IN THE COUNTY
2 THEY WORK WITH DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS EVERY DAY WITHOUT ANY
3 GUARANTEE OF SEEING ANY MONEY AFTER THE WORK. SO WE REALLY
4 NEED A STRONG WAGE ENFORCEMENT IN L.A. COUNTY ONLY IN THE
5 CALIFORNIA. ONLY 17 PERCENT OF WORKERS WHO GET FINAL JUDGMENT
6 SEE THE MONEY, COLLECT THEIR MONEY AFTER THE JUDGMENT. IN L.A.
7 COUNTY, IT'S ONLY 10 PERCENT OF WORKERS WHO COLLECT WHILE IN
8 SAN FRANCISCO WHERE THEY DO LOCAL ENFORCEMENT, THEY COLLECT 90
9 PERCENT. SO IT'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE. I WOULD NEED TO SEE THAT
10 CHANGE IN L.A. SO PLEASE, PLEASE PASS THE STRONG ENFORCEMENT
11 POLICY FOR OUR WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

14

15 **MICHAEL RAPKIN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MICHAEL RAPKIN. I'M A
16 SMALL EMPLOYER. I ALSO HAVE AN INTEREST IN A RESTAURANT AND
17 BAR AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE A.C.L.U. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND I
18 CHAIR ITS ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMITTEE. PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD, I
19 WANT TO SAY THAT AS MOST PEOPLE HAVE SAID HERE TODAY THAT THE
20 HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE IS OVERDUE. IT WILL BRING SOME FAIRNESS.
21 IT WILL BRING SOME JUSTICE AND DIGNITY AND ALLOW MORE LOW PAID
22 EMPLOYEES TO SPEND, WHICH IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS. BUT WHAT I
23 HAVEN'T HEARD TODAY AND I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD
24 NEEDS TO CONSIDER BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE ALL INTERESTED IN ONE
25 WAY OR ANOTHER IN TRYING ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF

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1 HOMELESSNESS, AND YET THERE'S A LACK OF FUNDING THAT THE
2 COUNTY AND THE CITY HAS. BUT BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE, NO
3 CUTTING AND DICING, NO EXEMPTIONS, BUT BY PASSING THIS
4 ORDINANCE, YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE LOW
5 PAID WORKERS GET PAID MORE MONEY. AND THOSE PEOPLE, TENS OF
6 THOUSANDS OF THEM, ARE NOW ONE PAYCHECK AWAY FROM BECOMING
7 HOMELESS. AND BY GIVING THEM A DIGNITY OF ANOTHER DOLLAR AND A
8 HALF OR TWO DOLLARS AND EVENTUALLY TO \$15 IT MAY KEEP THEM IN
9 THEIR APARTMENTS. AND BY KEEPING THEM IN THEIR APARTMENTS,
10 YOU'RE GOING TO ALLEVIATE HOMELESSNESS. THAT'S CALLED
11 POLITICAL WILL IN MY BOOK. WITHOUT RAISING ONE DIME. LASTLY,
12 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR DECADES NOW HAVE BEEN CRYING THE
13 BLUES THAT THE SKIES ARE GOING TO FALL, THAT BUSINESSES ARE
14 GOING TO HAVE TO FAIL, THEY WILL HAVE TO CUT EMPLOYEES BECAUSE
15 THEY ARE JUST PAYING TOO MUCH MONEY. BUSINESS IS GOOD. AND
16 I'VE DONE SOME READING, THERE'S BEEN A LACK OF EVIDENCE TO
17 SUPPORT THIS CONTENTION BY THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I HOPE THAT
18 YOU WILL PASS THIS ORDINANCE WITH NO EXEMPTIONS. THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

24 MAN, LET'S DO A LITTLE WAGE THEFT ENFORCEMENT. EVERYBODY

25 COMING UP HERE GOING ON AND ON AND ON ON. I KNOW THE BOARD HAS

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1 BEEN MEETING EVERY WEEK SINCE 2006. I'M PRETTY MUCH A REGULAR
2 HERE. I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYBODY COME IN HERE BEFORE ABOUT WAGE
3 THEFT. IT'S A POLICY. AND YOU ELECT THESE PEOPLE, THE
4 BUSINESSES THAT THEY RUN THAT STEAL THIS MONEY, WELL THEY'RE
5 PART OF THAT FOLDING GREEN COMMUNITY THAT THEY'RE VERY
6 FAMILIAR WITH. YOU OUGHT TO CHECK THAT OUT. SOMEBODY MENTIONED
7 A DOZEN EGGS. THEY'RE LIKE \$6 NOW. WE GOT HAPPY CHICKENS. YOU
8 THINK THAT COST IS NOT GOING TO GO UP? BUSINESS IS GOOD? MOVIE
9 BUSINESSES ARE RUNNING OUT OF CALIFORNIA. THE AUTOMOTIVE
10 BUSINESS SHUT DOWN IN CALIFORNIA. AERONAUTICS? HOW ARE THEY
11 DOING, DON KNABE? HOW IS AERONAUTICS GOING IN CALIFORNIA IN
12 THE SOUTH BAY? THEY'RE LEAVING QUICKER THAN BUZZARDS IN A
13 DESERT. MOM AND POP BUSINESSES. SIX PEOPLE, IT'S GOING TO COST
14 THEM \$30 AN HOUR MORE, \$240 A DAY MORE, \$1,000 A WEEK MORE,
15 \$50,000 A YEAR MORE IN SALARIES, MS. SOLIS. WHERE DO YOU THINK
16 MOM AND POP ARE GOING TO COME UP WITH THAT EXTRA MONEY FOR SIX
17 EMPLOYEES FOR \$15 AN HOUR? YOUR BUYING POWER IS GOING TO GO
18 DOWN. YOU THINK HOUSING IS NOT GOING TO GO UP. TRANSPORTATION
19 IS NOT GOING TO GO UP? EVERYTHING WILL GO UP, THE INCREASE TO
20 DO THAT AND JOBS ARE GOING TO DECREASE. YOU ALREADY SEE IT
21 EVERYWHERE. THERE ARE APPS FOR EVERYTHING, JOBS CLOSE DOWN.
22 WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BRING BACK MIDDLE CLASS JOBS? YOU'RE
23 GOING TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE. THAT'S NOT BRINGING BACK THE
24 MIDDLE-CLASS JOBS. THAT'S JUST MOVING THE LINE. READ "CATCH-
25 22." YOU KNOW THEY MOVED THE BOMB LINE UP. THE GENERALS CAME

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1 IN AND SAID THEY CAPTURED THE CITY, WAR'S OVER. THEY JUST
2 MOVED THE BOMB LINE BACK. DIDN'T LOSE THE CITY. WAR STARTED.
3 IT'S THE SAME STUFF. C.C. PUTA.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. THE COUNTY
6 COUNSEL, HOW DOES THIS PROPOSAL DIFFER FROM THE CITY OF LOS
7 ANGELES?

8

9 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** AS TO THE NONPROFIT, SUPERVISOR?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. RIGHT NOW, THEY'VE PASSED AN
12 ORDINANCE. HOW DOES THAT ORDINANCE DIFFER FROM NO. 3 THAT'S ON
13 THE AGENDA OR DOES IT RELATE TO THE TWO AMENDMENTS THAT ARE ON
14 THE AGENDA, AS WELL?

15

16 **MARY WICKHAM:** OUR ORDINANCE LARGELY MIRRORS THAT WHAT THE CITY
17 HAD PASSED. ONE DIFFERENCE IS WITH RESPECT TO THE NONPROFITS.
18 OURS COVERS ALL NONPROFITS, 25 EMPLOYEES OR FEWER. THEIRS
19 EXEMPTS NONPROFITS FOR THE FIRST YEAR. BUT THEN STARTS TO
20 CYCLE THEM IN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE ORDINANCE EXEMPTS CERTAIN
23 APPRENTICES FROM THE MINIMUM WAGE. WHICH ONES ARE BEING
24 EXEMPTED?

25

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1 **MARY WICKHAM:** UNDER OURS?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES. NONE?

4

5 **MARY WICKHAM:** I THINK WE NEED CLARIFICATION. APPRENTICES.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF NONE, I'VE BEEN TOLD NONE. SO CITY
8 OF L.A., THE CITY OF L.A., WHAT ARE THEY EXEMPTING?

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM:** WHAT I'M BEING TOLD BY OUR IN-HOUSE EXPERTS ON
11 THIS IS THAT OUR ORDINANCE EXEMPTS THE SAME, THE CATEGORY THAT
12 THE STATE WOULD EXEMPT WITH RESPECT TO APPRENTICES. OKAY. ANY
13 INDIVIDUALS PART OF THE STATE APPRENTICE PROGRAM WOULD BE
14 EXEMPT UNDER OUR ORDINANCE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE REASONING FOR
17 EXEMPTING OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES BUT NOT NONPROFITS?

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM:** WE DON'T HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT
20 OTHERS. IT WOULD BE PRE-EMPTED BY THE STATE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE CASCADING IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE
23 ON THE COUNTY? WOULD THAT BE AN ANSWER YOU WOULD HAVE, OR
24 WOULD THAT BE THE C.E.O.? BECAUSE THERE'S A 15 PERCENT MORE

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1 THAT THE PERSON WOULD BE MAKING, SUPERVISORS, ET CETERA. SO
2 WHAT WOULD BE THE FISCAL IMPACT TO THE COUNTY? TO THE BUDGET?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** MR. MAYOR, I THINK THAT WE HAD
5 PREVIOUSLY, BACK WHEN THIS WAS TAKEN UP IN JUNE OR JULY WHEN
6 IT WAS LAST HEARD BY THE BOARD, THE NUMBERS ARE STILL THE
7 SAME. I DON'T KNOW AT WHAT POINT IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL DOLLAR
8 AMOUNT YOU WANT TO KNOW. DO YOU WANT TO JUST KNOW THE OVERALL
9 CUMULATIVE COSTS FOR THE NET COUNTY COSTS? IS THAT YOUR
10 QUESTION?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** SO BY JULY OF 2020, THE ESTIMATED
15 AMOUNT WAS 9.5 MILLION. THAT'S THE CUMULATIVE COST.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 9.5 MILLION.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE AMENDMENTS THAT WE HAVE RELATIVE
22 TO THE SEASONAL WORKERS AND TO THE NONPROFITS, THESE ARE JOB
23 OPPORTUNITIES THAT MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE. MANY OF
24 THOSE ARE EMANCIPATED YOUTH. AND ALSO THOSE WHO ARE
25 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED WHO PROVIDE A SERVICE BECAUSE THEY

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1 ARE LEARNING A JOB SKILL AND BEING ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES.
2 SO MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE END UP LIVING IN ASSISTED LIVING
3 AND INDEPENDENT LIVING WHEN THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES WORKING IN
4 THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CENTERS. AND THE IMPACT OF THEIR
5 FUTURE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING SELF-SUFFICIENT HAS A SEVERE
6 IMPACT. THAT'S WHY WE HAD THE AMENDMENT THAT IS ON THE AGENDA
7 TODAY JUST THOSE PEOPLE. BUT SUPERVISOR KNABE? DO YOU WANT TO
8 TALK FIRST AND THEN I'LL ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO. I THINK I DID TALK FIRST. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO THE CITY OF L.A., MY PARTICULAR
13 ITEM THAT I HAVE ON THE AGENDA, I BELIEVE IT'S ITEM NO. 58
14 MIRRORS EXACTLY WHAT THE CITY OF L.A. PASSED IN THEIR
15 ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO THE TRANSITIONAL WORKERS. MY
16 CONCERN IS I KNOW THAT SOME WILL SAY WELL LIKE AS AN EXAMPLE
17 HOME BOY INDUSTRIES WHICH WOULD GIVE AN EXAMPLE HAS AN
18 EXEMPTION IN L.A. SO THEY DON'T NEED IT. BUT THEY AS WELL AS
19 OTHERS LIKE THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND OTHERS PERFORMED
20 WORK IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE STAGE
21 AS RELATES TO WHAT THEY CAN DO IN L.A. VERSUS THE
22 UNINCORPORATED AREA. SO THAT WAS THE REASON FOR THAT
23 PARTICULAR MOTION. BUT I WANTED TO FOLLOW OCCUPY WITH THAT
24 PARTICULAR POINT. I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BECAUSE OF THE FACT
25 THAT ALL THE REST OF IT, EVERYBODY WANTED TO MIRROR WHAT THE

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1 CITY OF L.A. DID AND THAT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT
2 THEY DID IN THE CITY OF L.A. BUT ALSO JUST OVERALL AS I'VE
3 INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN BE NAIVE ABOUT THE
4 IMPACT THAT A MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE WILL HAVE ON BUSINESS.
5 AGAIN, IT'S NOT WHETHER THEY MOVE OR LEAVE, AS SO MANY HAVE
6 TOLD ME, THEY WILL DO WHATEVER WE WANT THEM TO DO. THE IMPACT
7 WILL BE WHAT WE CAN'T VALIDATE AND HOW WE CAN'T KNOW OR WHAT
8 PERSON LOST THEIR JOB OR REDUCED HOURS UNTIL THAT HAPPENS DOWN
9 THE ROAD. AS WE ALL KNOW PAYROLL, EVEN WITH US, WHETHER IT'S A
10 1 PERCENT INCREASE OR 1 PERCENT DECREASE IS VERY SIGNIFICANT
11 HERE. AND IT'S A HUGE PERCENTAGE OF THE COST AND MANY OF THESE
12 SMALL BUSINESSES PARTICULARLY OPERATE ON A VERY SLIM MARGIN.
13 SO IT'S NOT A COMPLICATED PIECE OF MATH TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW
14 MANDATE. EXPENSES WILL BE CUT AND THAT MAY MEAN WHATEVER.
15 CUTTING HOURS, CUTTING JOBS, RAISING PRICES OR JUST MOVING
16 FORWARD. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT ATTACHING THESE MANDATED WAGE
17 INCREASES TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX EVEN IF ITS FIVE YEARS
18 DOWN THE LINE, WE DON'T NEGOTIATE WITH OUR OWN UNIONS IN THAT
19 WAY. WE ARE IN ESSENCE HANDING OVER SOME VERY CRITICAL
20 DECISIONS TO THE WIND BASING IT ON A ONE YEAR C.P.I. IS NOW
21 BEING PROPOSED VERSUS THE ORIGINAL 20-YEAR AVERAGE REALLY
22 SUBJECTS BUSINESSES TO EVEN MORE FLUCTUATING WAGE MANDATES
23 YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. THE OTHER ISSUE AND I RAISED IT ALREADY
24 TO HELPING SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONTINUE TO HELP PEOPLE
25 IN NEED WHETHER IT BE THE SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS OR WHETHER

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1 IT BE THE TRAINING FOLKS, WHETHER IT BE THE MENTAL HEALTH,
2 THIS BOARD HAS BEEN VERY COMMITTED TO THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION,
3 THE ISSUE OF TRAINING AND PUTTING PEOPLE BACK IN THE
4 EMPLOYMENT BASE. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I
5 PROPOSED ITEM NO. 58 BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF
6 PROGRAMS THAT DO HELP US AND SUPPORT OUR DIVERSION PROGRAMS.
7 SO I'M NOT NAIVE, EITHER, KNOWING THAT NO ONE CAN RAISE A
8 FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE MINIMUM WAGE. WE ALSO
9 HAVE TO REMEMBER WHY IT WAS CREATED AND THAT WAS ENTRY LEVEL
10 KINDS OF POSITIONS. AND WHAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT DOWN THE
11 ROAD ARE TAX RELIEF AND REDUCTION IN MANDATED COSTS FOR THESE
12 SMALL BUSINESSES. WE'D LIKE TO -- I'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE A
13 GREATER DEDICATION TO SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT SO BUSINESSES CAN
14 HIRE AT A REDUCED RATE. IF WE DO THIS, I THINK WE COULD REALLY
15 SEE THE POTENTIAL OF IMPROVING LIVES AND REDUCING
16 HOMELESSNESS. PUTTING THE POVERTY SOLUTION THAT MANY OF US
17 ACHE OVER EACH AND EVERY DAY SOLELY ON THE BACKS OF THE SMALL
18 BUSINESSES SIMPLY WILL NOT WORK. SO, I DO SUPPORT ITEM 26 AS
19 IT RELATES TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND MINIMUM WAGE ISSUE NOW
20 THAT YOU CHANGED THE LANGUAGE BECAUSE IT DIDN'T READ THAT WAY.
21 I APPRECIATE THAT CHANGE. BUT WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING ITEM NO.
22 3.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES I WOULD LIKE TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL'S
4 CLARIFICATION ON THE ACTUAL ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE
5 CITY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S SOME MISLEADING
6 INFORMATION ABOUT NONPROFITS AND EXACTLY THE TWO AMENDMENTS
7 THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THOSE TWO ITEMS
8 HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. SO COULD
9 YOU PLEASE CLARIFY THAT FOR US?

10

11 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MY LEGAL TEAM IS TELLING ME,
12 SUPERVISOR, THAT ACTUALLY IT'S NOT THAT CLEAR. IT'S NOT THAT
13 SIMPLE AS A YES OR NO ANSWER. IT APPEARS THAT THE CITY OF LOS
14 ANGELES HAS ADOPTED AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT
15 EMPLOYERS. AND THEN THERE'S LANGUAGE THAT IDENTIFIES THE
16 ENTITIES THAT FALL INTO.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** COULD YOU READ THAT?

19

20 **MARY WICKHAM:** SURE. SO I'M READING FROM THE CITY OF LOS
21 ANGELES'S ADOPTED ORDINANCE. AND THE HEADING IS SECTION 187.03
22 ENTITLED "DEFERRAL APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT
23 EMPLOYERS." "THE D.A.A. SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO ALLOW
24 AN EMPLOYER THAT IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION WITH 26 OR MORE
25 EMPLOYEES TO QUALIFY FOR THE DEFERRAL RATE SCHEDULE SPECIFIED

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1 IN SECTION 187.02.C. A NONPROFIT EMPLOYER SEEKING THE DEFERRAL
2 MUST ESTABLISH BY COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT: A, THE CHIEF
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER EARNS A SALARY WHICH WHEN CALCULATED ON AN
4 HOURLY BASIS IS LESS THAN FIVE TIMES THE LOWEST WAGE PAID BY
5 THE CORPORATION OR, B) IT IS A TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYER AS
6 DEFINED IN SECTION 10.31.1H. OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE
7 CODE, OR, C., IT SERVES AS A CHILDCARE PROVIDER OR, D., IT IS
8 FUNDED PRIMARILY BY CITY, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS OR
9 REIMBURSEMENTS."

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO IS THAT A DEFERRAL BECAUSE IT DOESN'T
12 SOUND LIKE IT'S CLEAR? IT'S A DEFERRAL. SO IT STILL -- SOMEONE
13 HAS TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT.

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO IT'S NOT CLEAR.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT A DEFERRAL. THEY HAVE TO MAKE THE
20 JUDGMENT.

21

22 **MARY WICKHAM:** THE WAY I READ IT, IT APPEARS THAT YOU WOULD
23 SUBMIT YOUR PAPERWORK AND A DECISION WOULD BE MADE AS TO
24 WHETHER OR NOT YOU FALL WITHIN THAT LANGUAGE.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ON HARDSHIP.

2

3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S ONLY A ONE YEAR DEFERRAL LIKE WE DID
4 WITH THE SMALLER BUSINESSES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE
7 ORGANIZATION LIKE THE MENTAL HEALTH, THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED
8 WITH THE MINIMUM WAGE YOU ARE PROPOSING. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE
9 TRANSITIONAL TRAINING WORKER. I DIDN'T MAKE THIS UP. I MEAN WE
10 WENT TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. AND THE MAYOR INDICATED THAT THIS,
11 AS WE PRESENTED IT, WAS IN THEIR ORDINANCE.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE WAY I SEE IT, IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS, JUST SUGGEST TO YOU, ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE
15 SINCE WE JUST HAD THE JEWISH NEW YEAR, BUT I'D LIKE TO TALK
16 ABOUT A CHRISTMAS TREE. THERE IS -- WHAT I THINK WHAT WE'VE
17 PROPOSED AND WHAT WE'VE ADOPTED AND ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL TO
18 DRAFT IS KIND OF A BASIC TREE. THE BASIC SECTIONS OF IT. WHEN
19 THE MINIMUM WAGE TAKES PLACE AND WHAT WILL DEFER FOR ONE YEAR.
20 THE OTHER EXEMPTIONS, AND THERE REALLY AREN'T VERY MANY. I
21 MEAN THAT WAS A VERY COMPLICATED ATTEMPT, I THINK, BY THE CITY
22 TO CHERRY PICK A FEW, PROBABLY TO GET A FEW VOTES, IN ORDER TO
23 EXEMPT OR JUST PUT OFF FOR ANOTHER YEAR WHAT THEY'RE DOING ON
24 THESE OTHERS. THAT'S MORE LIKE ORNAMENTS TO ME ON THE
25 CHRISTMAS TREE. AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO

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1 ADOPT, AND ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'RE ENCOURAGING OUR OWN CITIES
2 TO KIND OF COME ALONG WITH US, COME ALONG WITH THE L.A. CITY,
3 ADOPT A SIMPLE ORDINANCE LIKE WE'VE ASKED TO BE DRAFTED WITH
4 APPROPRIATE DEFERRALS FOR OUR BUSINESSES, SMALL BUSINESSES AND
5 NONPROFITS. AND GIVE THEM KIND OF A CLEAN LOOK AT WHAT A
6 MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE LOOKS LIKE WITHOUT THESE EXCEPTIONS. I
7 DON'T KNOW HOW IT SEEMS RIGHT TO SAY BECAUSE SOMEONE IS
8 BEGINNING THEIR CAREER, THEY SHOULD BE PAID LESS. IT DOESN'T
9 MAKE SENSE TO ME. IN SO MANY OF OUR FAMILIES, AND I'VE HEARD
10 YOU TALK ABOUT THIS, AS WELL, IT'S NOT JUST MOM AND POP
11 SUPPORTING THE FAMILY ANYMORE. THE KIDS ARE REQUIRED, PRETTY
12 MUCH, TO GET SOME JOBS, ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMER. SO TO SAY
13 THAT THEY DON'T DESERVE THE SAME WAGE, I THINK IT DOESN'T SEEM
14 RIGHT TO ME. AND THAT'S WHY I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THIS
15 AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO
18 ADOPTING THESE TWO AMENDMENTS THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED. I WANT
19 CLARIFICATION ON WHAT THE CITY COUNCIL DID. AND MOVING
20 FORWARD, I MEAN TODAY I'M NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE TWO
21 AMENDMENTS AS THEY'RE PRESENTED. BUT I THINK MAYBE IN THE
22 FUTURE WE'LL LOOK AT DOWN THE LINE WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL ON PAGE 7,
25 WHERE IT SAYS EMPLOYEES EXEMPT, YOU HAVE NUMBER 3, CERTAIN

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1 APPRENTICES. THAT IS MY QUESTION THAT I HAVE BEEN ASKING. WHAT
2 TYPE OF APPRENTICES ARE WE TALKING ABOUT IN YOUR REPORT?

3

4

5

6 >>MARY WICKHAM: MR. MAYOR, THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT MIRROR THE
7 STATE.

8

9 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: DO YOU HAVE A LIST?

10

11

12

13 >>MARY WICKHAM: I DON'T HAVE A LIST WITH THE ME, MR. MAYOR.

14

15 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WE NEED A LAWYER.

16

17 SUP. KNABE: A LAWYER APPRENTICE.

18

19 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: A LAWYER APPRENTICE. SO IT DOES EXEMPT
20 FAMILY MEMBERS FOR NUMBER THREE. ALSO IT STATES "CERTAIN
21 MENTALLY ILL OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES WITH A SPECIAL I.W.C.
22 LICENSE." WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF THAT TYPE OF LICENSE?

23

24 MARY WICKHAM: MR. MAYOR, WE CAN REPORT BACK TO YOU ON THOSE
25 ISSUES, THE SPECIFICS OF THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** COUNSEL, I THINK YOU SAID THESE ARE STATE
3 EXEMPTIONS.

4

5 **MARY WICKHAM:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WITH WHICH WE MUST ABIDE AND ARE IN OUR
8 ORDINANCE, RIGHT?

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU ALSO REPORT BACK WHEN YOU
13 STATE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AT CAMPS ORGANIZED UNDER SECTION 18897
14 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND THE AMERICAN CAMPING
15 ASSOCIATION. SO WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THAT PER SE.

16

17 **MARY WICKHAM:** YES, WE WILL, MR. MAYOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU
20 WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE'LL DO NO. 3 AND
21 THEN WE'LL DO THE OTHERS. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL PUT AN
22 AMENDMENT ON NO. 3.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TO DELETE THE THIRD SECTION.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THE AMENDMENT. SHE'LL MOVE.

2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY THOMAS:** RIDLEY-THOMAS, YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE
7 AMENDMENT? OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON THE MAIN
8 MOTION.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WE WILL RE-VISIT THAT AT THE
11 APPROPRIATE TIME WHEN THE DATA COMES BACK FOR OUR COLLECTIVE
12 CONSIDERATION.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT SECTION WILL BE PULLED OUT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL THE ROLE ON ITEM 3.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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1

2 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

5

6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 SUP. KNABE: NO.

9

10 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR

11 ANTONOVICH.

12

13 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO.

14

15 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: MOTION PASSES.

16

17 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LIFT THE ROOF. AND THEN ON 60-B, THAT
18 WAS THE MOTION I HAD RELATIVE TO NONPROFITS WITH AN AVERAGE OF
19 25 OR FEWER EMPLOYEES DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR,
20 NONPROFITS MEANS ORGANIZATIONS DULY ORGANIZED EXISTING IN GOOD
21 STANDING UNDER THE LAWS OF JURISDICTION OF THE CORPORATION.
22 AND EMPLOYEES WHOSE PERFORMING WORK WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
23 WORK OF THE COUNTY FOR AN EMPLOYER ON A SEASONAL BASIS.
24 SEASONAL BASIS MEANS EMPLOYMENT WHERE ORIGINALLY THE
25 EMPLOYMENT PERTAINS TO OR IS OF THE KIND EXCLUSIVELY PERFORMED

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1 AT CERTAIN SEASONS OR PERIOD OF THE YEAR. SO I'LL MOVE,

2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

9 THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR

22 ANTONOVICH.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE.

25

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MOTION FAILS.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** ON ITEM 60-A.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON ITEM NO. 60-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO AGAIN REITERATE THAT MINE IS THE TRAINEE
8 NOT THE EMPLOYEE OF THE TRAINING ORGANIZATION. ANYWAY, SO I'LL
9 MOVE IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL SECOND THAT. CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

25

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1 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE.

2

3 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

4

5 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR

6 ANTONOVICH.

7

8 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AYE.

9

10 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: MOTION FAILS.

11

12 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MOTION FAILS 2-3.

13

14 SUP. KNABE: ITEM 26.

15

16 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: ITEM 26. WE HAVE A MOTION BY

17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

18

19 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: SECOND.

20

21 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

10

11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR

16 ANTONOVICH?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. MOTION CARRIES 3-2..

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 4-1.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 4-1. OKAY. SO ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM NO.
23 2, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WAIT A MINUTE. ONE MORE ITEM 58.

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM:** MR. MAYOR? AS TO ITEM NUMBR 58 WHICH IS THE
5 ACTUAL ORDINANCE ITSELF. WHAT WE ARE ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL IS
6 ASKING THAT WE TABLE THAT FOR A FEW MINUTES SO THAT WE CAN
7 HAVE IT REFLECT THE VOTE TO DATE AND THEN BRING IT BACK BEFORE
8 THE BOARD TO BE VOTED ON FOR TODAY, YES, TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES. NUMBER 2? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, MR. MAYOR. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE
13 MOTION ITEM 2 ON THE PROBATION STUDY OUTCOMES. AND I DO WANT
14 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR WORKING WITH US AND THE OTHER
15 BOARD OFFICES. I THINK THIS IS A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
16 MY AMENDMENT ACTUALLY JUST PROVIDES -- IT'S A FRIENDLY
17 AMENDMENT TO ITEM 2 TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING, A MINOR ADDITION
18 TO THE MOTION. THE INTERAGENCY WORKGROUP SHOULD INCLUDE A, ONE
19 LABOR REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM AFSCME LOCAL 685 AND S.E.I.U.
20 LOCAL 721.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
23 SECONDED AS AMENDED. LET ME CALL UP RUTH SARNOFF, ERIC PREVEN
24 AND ARNOLD SACHS.

25

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1 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. IN GENERAL I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS
2 PROPOSAL. HOWEVER SOME QUESTIONS DO COME TO MY MIND. NUMBER 1,
3 IS THERE SOME WAY THAT CLIENTS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS CAN FIND
4 SOME WAY TO ALSO BE PART OF THIS AND ALSO -- I DON'T KNOW
5 QUITE WHAT THE PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
6 SOME OF THESE THINGS. I DON'T KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, ABOUT THINGS
7 LIKE WHAT THE SIMPLE COMPLAINT SYSTEMS MAY BE. WHERE THE
8 VARIOUS LANGUAGES WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER THIS. SO A LOT OF
9 DETAILS TO THIS. AND THAT POP UP IN MY MIND. AND I JUST AM
10 RAISING SOME. I HAVEN'T REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO THINK DEEPLY
11 ABOUT IT. I DO THINK THAT -- I NOTE, FOR INSTANCE, JUST IN THE
12 LAST PERIOD D.C.F.S. KIND OF DROPPED THE BALL WITH THE DEATH
13 OF THE THREE BOYS AND THE FATHER AND THERE WERE LOTS OF
14 WARNINGS. AND THIS IS PRETTY CLOSE REALTIME THAT SOME OF THIS
15 IS HAPPENING NOW. AND SO I THINK OF THAT AND I THINK OF THE
16 CHILDREN'S COURT AND SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES OF PARENTS AND
17 OTHERS AND I JUST WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD BE SOMEHOW
18 REPRESENTED. THANK YOU.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
21 THE JUVENILE PROBATION OUTCOMES REPORT. ARE WE LOOKING TO MAKE
22 IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS SITUATION? I REMEMBER ONE TIME --
23 JUVENILE. THERE WAS AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA REGARDING LEGAL
24 REPRESENTATION FOR YOUTH THAT IT WAS SO POOR WHEN THEY GO
25 BEFORE JUDGES FOR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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1 THAT THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION THAT THE YOUTH RECEIVED AT THAT
2 TIME WAS BARELY PASSABLE. AND SO I'M WONDERING, YOU HAVEN'T
3 DONE ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. YOU HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A REPORT.
4 YOU HAVEN'T COME UP WITH HOW WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THAT
5 SYSTEM, HOW YOU'RE GOING TO IMPROVE THIS -- YOU'RE GOING TO
6 ELIMINATE THE SILOS, I'M SURE. I'M SURE SOMEONE IS GOING TO
7 SAY OTHER THAN THIS SIDE OF THE SPEAKER, THAT WE'RE GOING TO
8 ELIMINATE THE SILOS. I GOT THE PART IN HERE THAT IT'S
9 TRANSPARENT, THANKFULLY, BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD
10 GOVERNMENT WITHOUT HAVING TRANSPARENCY. THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE
11 SENSE THAT ALL THIS IS GOING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND WITH ALL
12 THESE DIFFERENT PEOPLE YOU NEED TO ADD TWO MEMBERS OF THE
13 UNION? WILL THESE PEOPLE FROM THE UNION HAVE 10 YEARS
14 EXPERIENCE OR 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE? BECAUSE WE'VE HEARD PEOPLE
15 COME IN ON OTHER UNION PEOPLE WHO WORK AND SAY THAT THESE
16 PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN GOING ON AND THIS IS IN THE SITUATION
17 THAT'S BEEN GOING ON. AND WE HAVE BEEN GOING DOWN THIS
18 BANNISTER CATCHING SPLINTERS EVERY INCH OF THE WAY. AND YET
19 THEY HAVE BEEN 15 AND 20-YEAR EMPLOYEES AND NOTHING HAS
20 CHANGED. SO AGAIN IT COMES BACK TO THE POLICY AND THE
21 POLICYMAKERS WHICH PRETTY MUCH ASSUMES IT'S THE FIVE OF YOU
22 THANKFULLY WILL HAVE TWO NEW ONES. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE
23 OTHER THREE. BUT QUICK ON THAT TRIGGER FINGER, I TELL YOU THAT
24 MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP-- ONE SECOND, MR.

2 PREVEN. DENISE HERZ.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** ITS ERIC PREVEN THE RESIDENT FROM COUNTY DISTRICT
5 3. AND THE HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, I FEEL, BECAUSE WE ARE
6 LOOKING CLOSELY AT A WAY TO PUT TOGETHER THE JUDICIAL, THE
7 PROBATION YOUTH PLANNING GROUP. IT'S AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL
8 GROUP THAT'S GOING TO LOOK AT A STUDY AND REPORT BACK. AND I
9 SUPPOSE THEY'RE GOING TO -- ONE OF THE THINGS THEY MENTIONED
10 IS THEY'RE GOING TO ARTICULATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUVENILE
11 JUSTICE STRATEGY WHICH OBVIOUSLY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
12 I WOULD DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO JERRY POWERS AND PARAGRAPH 73
13 OF THE FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE WHICH SAYS EFFECTIVELY, LET'S
14 LET THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT MAXIMALLY DANGEROUS OUT
15 IMMEDIATELY AND RESTORE THEM TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS WAS, OF
16 COURSE, PUBLISHED TWO OR PLUS YEARS AGO. SO IT IS WORRISOME
17 THAT WE ARE CIRCLING AROUND. AND AS YOU NOTE, THESE PROBLEMS
18 TAKE PLACE IN A HIGHER PERCENTAGE AMONG OUR D.C.F.S., THAT'S
19 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, YOUTH. AND I WOULD
20 REMIND THE BOARD THAT TODAY ON YOUR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA,
21 YOU'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSIONER.
22 IT IS APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AND A HALF LATER. SO I WOULD SAY
23 THOUGH I'M ENTHUSIASTIC YOU'RE REACHING OUT TO TRY TO GRAPPLE
24 WITH SOME OF THESE ISSUES, I WORRY. IS THIS REALLY JUST MORE
25 KIND OF-- BUT IT IS THE BASIC FOCUS IS IMPORTANT WHICH IS

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1 FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT CAN IMPACT THESE YOUTHS WHO ARE IN
2 JEOPARDY. AND THERE ARE TWO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TODAY. I KNOW
3 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS GENERALLY A U.S.C. GUY THAT ARE U.C.L.A.-
4 RELATED. ONE OF THEM HAS TO DO WITH COMPETENCY FOR YOUTH WHO
5 CAN'T DEFEND THEMSELVES. IT'S \$100,000 GRANT TO LOOK AT THAT.
6 AND THEN THERE'S A MILLION DOLLARS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
7 \$994,000 AT U.C.L.A. TO LOOK AT ACTUALLY FOR EARLY EDUCATION
8 OF YOUTH. THE BRUINS, THE TROJANS, GO TEAM. BUT I DO FEEL THAT
9 WE SHOULD BE MAKING PROGRESS IN THIS SPACE. AND I HOPE THAT
10 THIS GROUP CAN HELP WITH THAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DENISE?

13

14 **DENISE HERZ:** MY NAME IS DENISE HERZ AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF
15 THE SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINALISTICS AT
16 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. AND I HAD THE GOOD
17 FORTUNE OF LEADING THE PROBATION OUTCOMES STUDY, WHICH WAS
18 ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT USING DATA MANY OF THE CRITICAL
19 ISSUES THAT REPRESENT SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH PROBATION HAS
20 ADVANCED ITS JUVENILE JUSTICE PRACTICE BUT ALSO SOME OF THE
21 GAPS THAT IT STILL HAS ESPECIALLY AROUND SERVICE PROVISION AND
22 MAKING SURE THAT YOUTH CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE COMMUNITY. AND
23 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THIS
24 MOTION ALLOWS PROBATION TO ENGAGE IN THE WORK AND TAKE A
25 PROACTIVE APPROACH TO BUILDING PROGRAMMING IN A COMPREHENSIVE

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1 WAY AND BUILDING AN INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING BLOCKS THAT
2 ARE IMPORTANT IF NOT CRITICAL TO SUSTAINING AN EFFECTIVE BEST
3 PRACTICE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
4 I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I HAVE, AGAIN, HAD THE GREAT FORTUNE OF
5 WORKING WITH PROBATION FOR 10 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
6 PROBATION FOR A MUCH LONGER TIME. BUT ALSO ADVOCACY AGENCIES
7 THAT REALLY CENTER AND FOCUS ON CRITICAL JUVENILE JUSTICE
8 ISSUES. IN FACT THIS PROBATION OUTCOME STUDY WAS A
9 COLLABORATION WITH ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS. BUT ALSO I WORKED
10 CLOSELY WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ON EVALUATION AND
11 HOW TO IDENTIFY THE WAYS IN WHICH THEIR PROGRAMMING CAN BE
12 EFFECTIVE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION, WHICH CREATES THE
13 WORKGROUP, WOULD BRING TOGETHER ALL OF THOSE PARTIES AND
14 INCLUDE FAMILIES AND YOUTH WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THESE SYSTEMS
15 AND THESE SERVICES IN AN EFFORT TO REALLY GET A COLLECTIVE
16 VOICE TO BUILD A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY THAT COULD PRODUCE
17 EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HEALTHY AND WELL
18 COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES AND YOUTH.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
21 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITHOUT OBJECTION.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED.

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1 **SUP ANTONOVICH:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED, SO ORDERED.

2 ITEM 31, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. CYNTHIA CARMONA, AND ARNOLD
3 SACHS. IS CYNTHIA HERE? CYNTHIA? MR. SACHS.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

6 VERY QUICKLY. THIS IS A PROP-A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT FOR PILLS.

7 ITEM 30 IS ALSO A PROP-A CONTRACT. NOW THAT PROP-A THAT DEALS
8 WITH THIS FUNDING IS NOT THE SAME PROP-A AS ITEM, WHAT WAS

9 THAT, ITEM 13 THAT WAS LOCAL RETURN. SO JUST CLARIFY FOR THE

10 PUBLIC, I MEAN, HOW MANY DIFFERENT PROP-AS ARE THERE? AND IF

11 YOU'RE NOT REALLY PAYING ATTENTION TO THE FUNDING OR YOU ARE

12 PAYING ATTENTION TO THE FUNDING, EITHER WAY, YOU THE JUST GET

13 LOST IN THE BACKWASH. WHERE DOES THIS PROP-A MONEY COME FROM?

14 IS THIS AN ASSESSMENT? IS THIS STATE FUNDING? PROP-A SALES TAX

15 COMES FROM SALES TAX. THIS CAN'T BE PROP-A SALES TAX MONEY.

16 THAT WAS A METRO FUNDING PROGRAM. AND ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME

17 MEDICAL PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE ON THE METRO BOARD, I

18 CAN'T SEE THEM BEIONG FUNDED THROUGH PROP-A. SO CLARIFY THAT

19 IF YOU WON'T MIND. AGAIN IT'S BACK TO A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT.

20 I THOUGHT YOU HAD AGREED THAT SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS ARE NOT

21 THE BEST TEMPERAMENT FOR THE COUNTY TO ENGAGE IN. AND YET HERE

22 YOU GO, NOT ONLY IS THERE SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT, BUT IT'S A

23 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT TILL 2025 WITH THE EXTENSIONS THAT BECOME

24 AVAILABLE FOR THIS. WILL THIS COMPANY THAT'S DOING THIS SOLE

25 SOURCING FALL UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU

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1 JUST PASSED WHERE THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES \$15 AN
2 HOUR? AND WOULD THAT BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUNDING THAT YOU
3 HAVE ALLOCATED FOR THIS CONTRACT? REALLY ENGAGED WITH ALL THE
4 BOARD.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
7 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 7,
8 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO
11 SEEK CLARIFICATION ON AN ITEM BEFORE US. AND PERHAPS THE
12 C.E.O. CAN MAKE CLEAR WHAT THE INSTRUCTIONS AS THEY
13 INTERPRETED WILL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD UNDERSTANDING
14 WHAT SHOULD BE EXPECTED WHEN THE MATTER RETURNS OR COMES BACK
15 BEFORE US. THIS DEALS WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
16 REENTRY.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI INTERIM C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF
19 THE BOARD. AND I ALSO SPOKE WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE JUST TO MAKE
20 SURE THAT I WASN'T MAKING MY OWN ASSUMPTIONS ON THIS MATTER,
21 BUT CLEARLY THIS WILL NOT UNDO ANY OF THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS THE
22 BOARD TOOK ON THE DIVERSION MOTION THAT WAS TAKEN UP A COUPLE
23 WEEKS AGO. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO THE PROPOSED BUDGET, IT
24 SIMPLY IS JUST STATING THAT WHEN WE DO PUT A PROPOSED BUDGET
25 FORWARD, THAT WE DO HAVE A SECTION THAT WILL BE REFERRED TO AS

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1 THE DIVERSION AND OFFICE OF RE-ENTRY. WE WILL HAVE THE FUNDING
2 ALLOCATED AT THAT TIME AND SUBMITTED WITH OUR PROPOSED BUDGET.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS CLEARLY MY INTENT, NOT TO UNWIND THE
5 PREVIOUS ACTION.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. SO THIS IS ESSENTIALLY CONSISTENT
8 WITH THE EXISTING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES THAT JUST
9 UNDERSCORES THIS AS THIS OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY IS A
10 NEW FEATURE IN OUR PROGRAMMATIC THRUST TO MANAGE MENTAL HEALTH
11 CRISES AND THE LIKE FOR WHICH THE BOARD HAS SAID IS A PRIORITY
12 OF CONSEQUENCE. WITH THAT CLARIFICATION, MR. MAYOR, I'M
13 APPRECIATIVE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET IT AND I'M PREPARED TO
14 VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY ON THE MATTER BEFORE US.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED -
17 - OH, EXCUSE ME. ARNOLD SACHS.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
20 WITH THIS INVOLVING RECLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES, YOU HAVE
21 THAT EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS ON YOUR AGENDAS WHERE YOU
22 RECLASSIFY EMPLOYEES, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY, AS WE'VE
23 DISCUSSED, A CONTRACT SALARY, BUT IT'S A POSITION INCREASE FOR
24 MORE MONEY. AND THESE EMPLOYEES WILL BE WRITING GRANTS. WILL
25 THERE BE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES INVOLVED, WHAT THE COUNTY

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1 COLLECTS FOR WRITING THESE GRANTS? AND IT'S KIND OF
2 FASCINATING THE FUNDING FOR THIS OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
3 REENTRY. HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS WITH MISS KUEHL ABOUT
4 SOME OF THE MONEY WE TALKED ABOUT LIKE USING THE PARKS
5 PROPOSITION FUNDS FOR PLACES LIKE THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND WHERE
6 THE CITY AND THE GREEK THEATER ARE -- CITY OF LOS ANGELES
7 BECAUSE YOU'VE JUST TALKED ABOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS
8 GOT CONTRACTS WITH THE TICKET VENDORS TO DO RENOVATIONS. AND
9 SO IT'S MOVING THE MONEY AROUND. MAYBE YOU COULD USE THAT
10 MONEY INSTEAD OF SPENDING IT ON THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, YOU COULD
11 USE IT FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. BUT ITEM 13
12 REFERRED TO A COMMUNITY RECIDIVISM GRANT THAT THE BOARD
13 ACCEPTED. SO IS THE BOARD ACCEPTING THAT ON BEHALF OF THE
14 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY? IS THAT SOMETHING ENTIRELY
15 DIFFERENT WHERE RECIDIVISM IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OFFICE OF
16 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY? AND DOESN'T PRECLUDE TO THEM GETTING
17 THAT MONEY? YOU KNOW, YOU CAN CATEGORIZE IT A LOT OF DIFFERENT
18 WAYS. THERE'S 100 WAYS TO SKIN A CAT. AND SOMEHOW OR OTHER,
19 THE MONEY NEVER GETS DOWN TO THE LEVEL WHERE IT'S REALLY
20 NEEDED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW ABOUT HIP CAT.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IS IT 100 WAYS? MONEY NEVER GETS DOWN TO THE
25 STREET LEVEL. THAT'S THE REAL PROBLEM HERE. IT ALWAYS ENDS UP

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1 BEING DISSIPATED BEFORE IT ACTUALLY ENDS UP IN SOMEBODY'S
2 POCKET.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WHO DO YOU
11 HAVE ON 60? 60-E. WE HAVE DR. CLAVREUL. WE HAVE ERIC PREVEN.
12 ARNOLD SACHS.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, SIR, THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY
15 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND THE L.A. TIMES IS A TREASURED
16 INSTITUTION. AND 60-E IS AN ITEM THAT REQUESTS THAT THE
17 TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY THAT HAS TAKEN -- THEY'VE ASKED
18 AUSTIN BEUTNER TO MOVE ASIDE TO REPLACE HIM WITH A MORE
19 TRIBUNE-SPECIFIC GUY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS. IT DID
20 SEEM LIKE MR. BEUTNER WAS FROM LOS ANGELES AND CARED A GREAT
21 DEAL. HE RAN FOR OFFICE. NOW WE ARE FACING UNCERTAINTY.
22 OBVIOUSLY THE L.A. TIMES HAS A CHALLENGING JOB IN COVERING
23 BOTH THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
24 THE 88 CITIES, ALL OF THESE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS THAT
25 FUNCTIONING TOGETHER PROVIDE, YOU KNOW, SERVICES TO ALL OF US

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1 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THEY HAVE BEEN DRAMATICALLY REDUCED
2 IN SIZE. THIS IS A HUGE CHALLENGE. YOU KNOW, WHEREAS SOMETHING
3 LIKE THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS I BELIEVE IT'S OVER 1,000
4 JOURNALISTS, THE L.A. TIMES HAS JUST A COUPLE HUNDRED NOW. I
5 MAY HAVE THE NUMBERS SLIGHTLY WRONG. BUT IT'S A SUBSTANTIAL
6 REDUCTION. SO WHEREAS THERE ARE MANY ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA TODAY
7 THAT REQUIRE INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM AND SCRUTINY AND
8 HOPEFULLY TESTING BY REPORTERS, THERE IS NOT A SUFFICIENT
9 SIZED STAFF TO DO THAT WORK. SO WE'RE AT A CROSS ROADS IN
10 JOURNALISM IN AMERICA. AND OBVIOUSLY THE INTERNET PROVIDES
11 SOME OF THAT. BUT CITIZEN JOURNALISM IS A FACTOR. BUT HERE WE
12 ARE FACING THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ITSELF BEING MANAGED BY A
13 GROUP THAT'S NOT EVEN BASED IN L.A. AND IT WORRIES ME. IT DOES
14 WORRY ME. ELI BROAD HAS COME UP AS A POSSIBILITY TO TAKE OVER.
15 I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S WHAT WE REALLY NEED. I DON'T KNOW.
16 OTHER CHARACTERS MIGHT STEP FORWARD AND BUY IT. IT'S ALLEGEDLY
17 ONLY A FEW HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. AS YOU KNOW, MR. BEZOS OF
18 AMAZON.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU GET MORE RESIDUALS, DON'T YOU?

21
22 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'LL TAKE A FEW. THE RESIDUALS.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO FROM YOUR SITCOMS. DON'T YOU GET A
25 FEW MILLION A YEAR ON THOSE RESIDUALS?

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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL IF I GET A FEW MILLION A YEAR, SIR, WE NEED
3 TO GET THOSE WAGE THEFT GUYS OUT HERE BECAUSE NO I AM NOT
4 GETTING A FEW MILLION A YEAR. THANK YOU. I WILL GET THE
5 RESIDUAL. I GOT A NICE ONE FOR \$800 YESTERDAY. BUT THANK YOU.
6 CONGRATULATIONS.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. AND I BELIEVE
9 EARLIER TODAY WE HAD A PRESENTATION ABOUT "THEY CALL ME
10 MALALA." AND PART OF IT WAS EXERCISING YOUR CIVIC VOICE. YOU
11 THINK ABOUT THINGS THAT HAPPEN HERE AND YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT
12 HAPPENS THE THE METRO BOARD. EXERCISING YOUR CIVIC VOICE AND
13 YOU CUT DOWN YOUR TIME. YOUR TIME IS CUT DOWN. TODAY'S AGENDA
14 60 ITEMS. YOU GOT THREE MINUTES. SPEAKING UP AND SPEAKING OUT.
15 ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT. I IMAGINE IF SHE SHOWED
16 UP HERE SHE HAD AN AGENDA FOR 60 ITEMS SHE'D GET 3 MINUTES.
17 WHICH IS MORE THAN SHE'D GET AT METRO. AND METRO IS IN THE
18 PROCESS OF DOING 39 BILLION DOLLARS IN CONSTRUCTION. YOU GET 2
19 MINUTES, 3 MINUTES ON A WHOLE AGENDA THERE. USED TO GET A
20 MINUTE. SO THE L.A. TIMES IN ITS HARD- HITTING ASKING POLICY
21 QUESTIONS, IT'S THE WAGE THEFT CAPITAL OF AMERICA. THE MINIMUM
22 WAGE INCREASE CITY IS LOOKING AT THE BID ON THE OLYMPICS.
23 HOMELESS CAPITAL OF AMERICA. \$6 BILLION FOR THE OLYMPIC BID.
24 WHAT DOES THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THINK ABOUT THAT,
25 YOU KNOW? WHAT DOES THE L.A. TIMES HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT?

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1 NO POLICY QUESTIONS EVER ASKED. WE GOT STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE
2 WHO CAN'T PAY THEIR WATER BILL, ABOUT TRASH CAN'T BE PICKED
3 UP. WE DON'T HAVE A POLICY ABOUT THAT. WE DON'T HAVE ANYBODY
4 ASKING ANY POLICIES. QUESTIONS WE JUST HAVE "DID YOU HEAR THE
5 STORY ABOUT?" "DID YOU HEAR THE POOR SOUL THAT?" EVERYTHING IS
6 A STORY. YEAH, THEY USED TO DO THAT SHOW "NAKED CITY." 6
7 MILLION PEOPLE, 6 MILLION STORIES IN THE CITY OF L.A. GET OFF
8 THE STORIES, GET OUT THE POLICY AND THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE THEM.
9 THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. IF YOU WANT TO PAY FOR THAT, WANT TO TELL
10 SOME NEWS, GET A PACK OF BAZOOKA JOE BUBBLE GUM, YOU'LL GET
11 MORE OUT OF IT THAN THE \$2 YOU SPEND ON THE L.A. TIMES. FOR
12 CRYING OUT LOUD.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. MAYOR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE BRING THIS
19 RESOLUTION FORWARD BECAUSE WE BELIEVE ANY CITY, ANY REGION
20 THAT'S DEFINED BY SIGNIFICANCE OUGHT TO SEE THAT IN PART,
21 CONNECTED TO WELL-ESTABLISHED NEWS ORGANIZATION PRINT, THAT IS
22 TO SAY, THAT IS CONNECTED TO THAT REGION, THAT CITY, THAT
23 LOCALE ORGANICALLY, THEREFORE IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S WHOLLY
24 APPROPRIATE FOR A BODY OF THIS SIZE AND SORT, THIS
25 SIGNIFICANCE, TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN TERMS OF THE CONCERN IT HAS

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1 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT OUR NEWSPAPER, ONE OF OUR NEWSPAPERS
2 FACES THE PROSPECT OF FURTHER BEING DIMINISHED. IT'S
3 INTERESTING TODAY, JUST TODAY THAT ONE OF THE MORE WELL-
4 RESPECTED ENTITIES IN JOURNALISM, NAMELY POINTER, COMES
5 FORTHWITH RATHER UNSETTLING NEWS ABOUT THE REDUCTION IN
6 EDITORIAL EXPENSES THAT ARE SLATED FOR THE L.A. TIMES. WHAT
7 DOES THAT MEAN? AS MANY AS 80 POSITIONS. THINK BACK AT THE ONE
8 POINT IN TIME THERE WERE AS MANY AS A THOUSAND POSITIONS
9 ATTACHED TO THE NEWSROOM AND THE L.A. TIMES. IT'S NOW SOME
10 500. AND WHAT'S BEING POSED -- PROPOSED POTENTIALLY AS RELATES
11 TO MOVING FURTHER TO BALANCED BUDGETS, WHICHEVER ONE HAS TO
12 DO. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO RUN THE BUSINESS OF THE NEWSPAPER.
13 WE'RE ESSENTIALLY STANDING UP FOR OUR TOWN AND SAYING IT SEEMS
14 TO ME THAT THOSE WHO KNOW UNDERSTAND AND CARE ABOUT WHAT LOS
15 ANGELES IS INTIMATELY, BIOGRAPHICALLY AND HISTORICALLY OUGHT
16 TO BE ROOTED HERE. AND SO THE INVESTMENT THAT SHOULD BE MADE,
17 FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IS NOT ONLY FINANCIAL, IT IS, AS I SAID
18 A MOMENT AGO, THE BIOGRAPHIES OF THE PERSON WHO CONNECT WITH
19 THIS TOWN, THE POLITICS, THEIR SENSE OF ESSENCE ABOUT WHAT LOS
20 ANGELES IS AS HISTORY, AND ITS FUTURE. THE L.A. TIMES IS TOO
21 IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMAIN SILENT AS ITS BID OR POTENTIALLY ON
22 THE CHOPPING BLOCKS IF I CAN MAKE THAT STATEMENT AS BLUNTLY AS
23 SUCH. AND SO, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I APPEAL TO YOU FOR
24 YOUR VOICES TO BE HEARD WITH RESPECT TO A RESOLUTION THAT WILL
25 BE SENT FORTHWITH TO THE CHAIRMAN OR THE C.E.O. OF THE TRIBUNE

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1 COMPANY TO SAY TO THEM THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS AND WE
2 TRUST THAT THEY WOULD BE SO INCLINED.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME JUST ECHO THOSE STATEMENTS,
5 SUPERVISOR. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE LEADERSHIP FROM PEOPLE
6 WHO WERE RAISED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HAVE A WORKFORCE
7 THAT'S REFLECTIVE OF THE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAN WHAT THEY CURRENTLY TEND TO HAVE
9 BRINGING PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO IT
10 WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY PAPER WITH COMMUNITY PEOPLE
11 THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH WRITING VARIOUS ISSUES AND DISCUSSING
12 VARIOUS ISSUES AND REPORTING ON THE NEWS. AS A SECOND OF THAT
13 MOTION. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. OKAY. THE NEXT
14 ITEM IS THE WATER ITEM. NO. 59. AND THAT'S A REPORT BY PUBLIC
15 WORKS AND I.S.D.? PARKS AND RECREATION AND REGIONAL PLANNING.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
18 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REPORT BACK ON THE AUGUST 11TH
19 REPORT WE PROVIDED ON WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS. AS YOU KNOW,
20 WE SUBSEQUENTLY SENT ANOTHER MEMO LAST WEEK WITH SOME ADJUSTED
21 FIGURES. AND WE'RE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE PREVIOUSLY
22 REPORTED INCREASE IS NOW REPORTED AS A DECREASE OF 7.4 PERCENT
23 OVERALL FOR L.A. COUNTY. BRIEFLY, AS WE EXPLAINED IN THAT
24 MEMO, WE MADE SOME ADJUSTMENTS FOR D.W.P. BILLING TO RIGHT
25 SIZE THE REPORTS, IF YOU LIKE, PUT THE CORRECT AMOUNTS IN THE

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1 CORRECT MONTHS FOR THE CORRECT FISCAL YEARS FOR I.S.D.
2 REPORTS. AND FOR PARKS AND RECS, THEY CORRECTED SOME
3 PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED AMOUNTS WITH THE ACTUALS THEY RECEIVED
4 AFTER THAT REPORT. IT TELLS US THAT USING THE BILLING, ONGOING
5 BILLS AS A MECHANISM TO MONITOR WATER CONSUMPTION IS FLAWED,
6 SO WE WILL BE WORKING THROUGH THE SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL TO
7 DEVELOP NEW MECHANISMS FOR CENTRAL REPORTING OF WATER
8 CONSUMPTION. THAT REPORT ON AUGUST 11TH ALSO ADDRESSED SOME
9 SUCCESSES WE'VE HAD IN HISTORY NOW IN WATER CONSERVATION
10 EFFORTS FOLLOWING WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. MOSTLY COVERING
11 PLUMBING FIXTURES UPGRADES, LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AND
12 COOLING TOWER UPGRADES. SOME NOTABLE EXAMPLES INCLUDE FIRE
13 STATION 118 WHERE WE CONVERTED 30,000 SQUARE FEET OF
14 ORNAMENTAL TURF SAVING AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION GALLONS
15 ANNUALLY. SIMILARLY, TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR'S CITY OF
16 INDUSTRY WAREHOUSE, WE CONVERTED 26,000 SQUARE FEET, SAVING
17 900,000 GALLONS. I.S.D. HAS UPGRADED SOME COOLING TOWERS,
18 SAVING 30 MILLION GALLONS ANNUALLY. SO THESE EFFORTS ARE
19 ONGOING. WE ALSO FOLLOWED UP ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE SURE
20 THAT ALL THE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS COUNTY-WIDE ARE COMPLIANT WITH
21 LOCAL RESTRICTIONS. AND YOU KNOW THAT TWICE A MONTH WATERING
22 TYPE THING. IN THE SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMO, PARKS PROVIDED SOME
23 HISTORY ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN USING RECYCLED WATER. SO IF I
24 COULD TURN THAT OVER TO RUSS.

25

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, DAVE. SUPERVISORS, RUSS GUINEY,
2 DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION. THE DEPARTMENT REALLY GOT ON
3 THE WATER ISSUE BACK IN 2007 WHEN WE CREATED OUR OWN WATER AND
4 ENERGY CONSERVATION SECTION. THEY DID FOCUS ON RECYCLED WATER,
5 IMPLEMENTATION. AND IN 2008 THEY DEVELOPED A PLAN. THIS HAS
6 THREE PHASES. AND THE PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING RECYCLED WATER
7 PROJECTS, PHASE 1, WAS TO CONVERT FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN A
8 QUARTER MILE OF EXISTING RECYCLE WATER LINES. PHASE 2 WAS TO
9 CONVERT FACILITIES THAT ARE ONE QUARTER TO ONE MILE FROM AN
10 EXISTING LINE. AND PHASE 3 TO CONVERT FACILITIES THAT ARE 1 TO
11 5 MILES OF AN EXISTING RECYCLED LINE. THE DEPARTMENT HAS
12 CONNECTED ALL PARKS THAT WERE FEASIBLE FROM THE PHASE 1 LIST.
13 21 PARKS FACILITIES CURRENTLY ARE ON RECYCLED WATER. FOUR
14 FACILITIES WERE RECENTLY CONNECTED. RECYCLE WATER DISTRIBUTION
15 PIPELINE SYSTEMS MUST BE EXTENDED TO PARK FACILITIES IN ORDER
16 TO CONNECT ALL PARKS. THE COST OF RECYCLED PIPELINE ESTIMATES
17 ARE BETWEEN \$1.5 AND \$2 MILLION PER LINEAR MILE. 8 RECYCLE
18 WATER PURVEYORS SERVE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. L.A.D.W.P.
19 WEST BASIN WATER DISTRICT, CENTRAL BASIN, ROWLAND WATER
20 DISTRICT, UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CITY OF POMONA WATER
21 DISTRICT, WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND L.A. COUNTY WATER
22 WORKS DISTRICT ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES D.W.P.
23 SERVES 8 PARKS. EXISTING D.W.P. RECYCLED LINES ARE NOT IN
24 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PARK FACILITIES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS AN
25 ONGOING DISCUSSION WITH THE L.A.D.W.P. TO CONNECT KENNETH HAHN

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1 TO RECYCLED WATER, THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE IS FIVE MILES
2 AWAY FROM THE PARK, BUT IT COULD ALSO INCLUDE LADERA PARK.
3 RECYCLED WATER RATE PRESENTLY IS ABOUT 15 PERCENT LESS THAN
4 THE POTABLE WATER RATE. THE USE OF RECYCLED WATER FOR
5 IRRIGATION DOES PRODUCE 100 PERCENT SAVINGS IN THE POTABLE
6 WATER USE AND ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF OUR WATER IS USED FOR
7 IRRIGATION. IN 2009, THE DEPARTMENT CREATED AN INTERDEPARTMENT
8 WATER TASKFORCE. AND WE PRIORITIZED OUR WATER USE NUMBER 1 TO
9 PRESERVE OUR TREES. NUMBER 2 TO MAINTAIN BALL FIELDS, SPORTS
10 ACTIVE AREAS AND, THREE, FOR PASSIVE AREAS. AS YOU'RE WELL
11 AWARE, MANY HOMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DON'T HAVE A YARD.
12 MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN APARTMENTS. WE ARE THEIR BACKYARD.
13 MAINTAINING OUR GREEN SPACE IS IMPORTANT FOR THEIR HEALTH,
14 WELFARE AND FOR CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A PLACE TO
15 EXPERIENCE THE OUT OF DOORS ON SAFE TURF AREAS. SMART
16 IRRIGATION CONTROLLER IMPLIMENTATION WAS DEVELOPED BY THE
17 DEPARTMENT IN 2010. WE PRESENTLY HAVE 250 IRRIGATION
18 CONTROLLERS AT 21 FACILITIES. THESE ARE LINKED THROUGH
19 COMPUTERS AND SATELLITES TO REFLECT WHAT'S ACTUALLY GOING ON
20 REALTIME IN THE WEATHER. THESE HAVE PRODUCED A 23 PERCENT
21 REDUCTION IN WATER USAGE WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. WE
22 WERE THE FIRST DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL WATERLESS URINALS 2010 AT
23 THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. AND THESE ALONE SAVED \$183,000 IN WATER
24 USE THERE. TURF REDUCTION. WE'VE IMPLEMENTED THAT AT A NUMBER
25 OF PARKS AND GOLF COURSES. OVER 280,000 SQUARE FEET OF TURF

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1 WERE REMOVED AT EL CARISO PARK ALONE. WE HAVE A STORM WATER
2 PILOT PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AT
3 AT OBREGON PARK. WE HAVE A WATER CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN AND
4 IT HAS IMMEDIATE, MID-TERM AND LONG-TERM PROPOSALS FOR SAVING
5 WATER. AND I COULD EXPLAIN THOSE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THAT.
6 OUR CURRENT EFFORTS IN WATER CONSERVATION INCLUDE OUR
7 INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASKFORCE WHERE WE'RE WORKING WITH OTHER
8 DEPARTMENTS. WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON FLOW SENSORS AS A PILOT
9 PROJECT TO HELP US MONITOR LEAKS AND OTHER ANOMALIES IN THE
10 WATER SYSTEM. THE STORM WATER PROJECT THAT I MENTIONED IS PART
11 OF THE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL'S GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND
12 WILL BE WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON THAT. WE ALSO HAVE IN THE
13 WORKS A STORM WATER PROJECT AT ROOSEVELT PARK COLLABORATING
14 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION
15 TO IMPLEMENT A LARGESCALE STORM WATER STORAGE AND GROUND WATER
16 RECHARGE PROJECT AT THAT PARK. AND WE'RE IMPLEMENTING WATER
17 CONSERVATION SIGNAGE TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE
18 DOING. FUTURE PLANS IN WATER CONSERVATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT
19 INCLUDE SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS, THE USE OF RECYCLED
20 WATER AS MENTIONED. INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES. AND MORE TURF
21 REDUCTION AND DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANT IMPLEMENTATION. ONE OF
22 THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES IS WE HAVE WATER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
23 THAT ARE OVER 50 YEARS OLD. THIS WOULD TAKE QUITE AN
24 INVESTMENT, ABOUT \$7 MILLION TO REPLACE THESE OLD SYSTEMS.
25 MANY OF THEM HAVE LEAKS THAT ARE UNDETECTABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE

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1 FAR UNDERGROUND OR AWAY FROM AREAS WHERE PEOPLE FREQUENT. WE
2 WOULD NEED ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS FOR SMART CONTROLLERS FOR
3 26 MORE PARKS. AND WE PROPOSED A WATER MANAGER AND MONITORS TO
4 OVERSEE THESE PROJECTS AND ALSO A FIELD STAFF AND EQUIPMENT
5 FOR REPAIRING WATER LEAKS AND AERATION WHICH ALLOWS FOR BETTER
6 WATER PERCOLATION AND IRRIGATION. BACK TO YOU, DAVE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANKS, RUSS. YEAH, A COUPLE OTHER PROJECTS UNDERWAY.
9 WE'VE ALREADY ISSUED A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
10 A RECYCLING ADDITION TO THE CAR WASH AT THE HALL OF
11 ADMINISTRATION. THAT'S GOING TO BE COMPLETED IN MID NOVEMBER.
12 AND I.S.D. IS ALSO WORKING ON SIX ADDITIONAL COOLING TOWER
13 UPGRADES WHICH THREE WILL BE DONE BY DECEMBER, ANOTHER 3 BY
14 APRIL OF NEXT YEAR, WHICH WILL SAVE US AN ADDITIONAL \$10
15 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER ANNUALLY. WORK IS CONTINUING WITH THE
16 SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL AS A WATER TASKFORCE THAT'S FORMED
17 UNDERNEATH THAT AND THEY'RE DISCUSSING MULTIPLE PROJECTS
18 COUNTYWIDE WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS, LANDSCAPING EFFORTS AND
19 PLUMBING FIXTURE REPLACEMENTS. IN CONCLUSION, WHILE SOME
20 METHODS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THERE ARE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE,
21 IT'S EVIDENT THAT A GREATER PUSH IS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY FUNDING
22 AND TO PRIORITIZE ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ACHIEVE THE
23 TARGETED 25 PERCENT REDUCTION. WE BELIEVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS
24 THAT WE BROUGHT FORWARD IN THE AUGUST 11TH AND REPEATED IN THE

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1 SEPTEMBER 11TH REPORT BACKS WILL GREATLY HELP IN THAT EFFORT.

2 SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR REPORT INDICATES THERE ARE AN
5 ADDITIONAL TWO GOLF COURSES AND 19 PARKS THAT COULD BE
6 CONVERTED TO RECYCLED WATER IF THE EXISTING UTILITY-OWNED
7 RECYCLED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IS EXTENDED. WHY IS THE EXISTING
8 UTILITY-OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE, WHY DOES THAT NEED TO BE
9 EXTENDED? OR WHAT'S THE PROCESS IN HAVING THEM DO THAT?

10

11 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL, OFTEN THE RECYCLED WATER DOESN'T COME
12 DIRECTLY TO THE PARK. IN THE CASE OF KENNETH HAHN STATE
13 RECREATION AREA, WHICH THE COUNTY OPERATES, THE CLOSEST
14 RECYCLED WATER IS L.A.D.W.P. AND IT'S FIVE MILES AWAY. THE
15 COST OF EXTENDING THAT LINE IS BETWEEN \$1-1/2 TO \$2 MILLION
16 PER MILE. SO JUST EXTENDING THAT PART COULD COST \$2 MILLION.
17 SO IT'S AN EXPENSE FOR THE PURVEYOR. AND THEY OFTEN WANT TO
18 HAVE MULTIPLE END USERS, NOT JUST OUR PARK.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND TO I.S.D. AND PUBLIC WORKS, YOU
21 STATE THERE ARE NO REGULATORY BARRIERS TO GRAY WATER SYSTEMS
22 BEING USED. HOWEVER, THERE'S BEEN NO COORDINATION AMONG THE
23 DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS OR HEALTH TO
24 SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS. FEES HAVE NOT BEEN REDUCED TO PROVIDE
25 INCENTIVES FOR INSTALLATION AND THE TIME IT TAKES TO PROCESS

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1 THESE PERMITS HAVE NOT BEEN EXPEDITED SUCH AS WE WERE ABLE TO
2 EXPEDITE WITH THE ROOFTOP SOLAR PERMITS. AND WE SHOULD BE
3 DOING THE SAME FOR GRAY WATER. WHAT ARE WE DOING TO EXPEDITE
4 THIS?

5

6 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING SIMILAR
7 TO THE SOLAR COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO OUTREACH AND
8 COORDINATE AND EDUCATE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROPERTY
9 OWNERS TO USE GRAY WATER AND TO EXPEDITE THOSE PERMIT
10 PROCESSES. SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING TO
11 EXPEDITE THOSE PERMITS AS WELL AS ON OUTREACH. AND ALSO
12 WORKING ON A MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE WITH
13 REGIONAL PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES ADOPTED BY THE STATE TO
14 ASSIST HOMEOWNERS IN EXPEDITING WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES
15 AND THEN ALSO WITH RESPECT TO GRAY WATER, TO DO THAT, AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS YOUR TIMEFRAME THAT
18 THEY'LL BE ADOPTED?

19

20 **GAIL FARBER:** WE'RE MOVING FOR THOSE FORWARD AS FAR AS THE
21 TIMELINE, WE'RE LOOKING FOR DECEMBER TO BRING THAT BEFORE --
22 THE ORDINANCE, ACTUALLY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT WE CAN'T DO IT PRIOR TO DECEMBER?

25

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1 **GAIL FARBER:** NO. BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY START OUR OUTREACH AND
2 MOVE THAT ALONG CONCURRENTLY, WHICH WE ARE RIGHT NOW.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PRESENT TO THE
5 BOARD THE SUGGESTIONS YOU'RE HAVING TO REDUCE THE PERMIT FEES
6 AND REDUCE THE RED TAPE?

7

8 **GAIL FARBER:** WE CERTAINLY CAN MEET WITH YOUR OFFICE AND WORK
9 OUT WHATEVER MEASURES YOU'D LIKE US TO BRING FORWARD TO MAKE
10 SURE THAT WE'RE INCORPORATING ALL YOUR INPUT AS TO WHAT YOU'D
11 LIKE TO SEE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE A PROTOCOL IN PLACE, WHICH WE
14 DID FOR THE SOLAR ROOFTOP PERMITS. WHY COULDN'T WE PARALLEL
15 RECYCLED WATER ALONG THAT SAME PROTOCOL?

16

17 **GAIL FARBER:** RECYCLED WATER OR GRAY WATER?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GRAY WATER.

20

21 **GAIL FARBER:** GRAY WATER, WE CERTAINLY COULD DO THAT AND BRING
22 THAT RECOMMENDATION BACK.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE DO HAVE THE DROUGHT. AND THE FASTER
25 WE ACT, THE FASTER WE CAN HELP THE COMMUNITY. SO IT SHOULDN'T

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1 JUST BE ANOTHER BUREAUCRATIC PRACTICE TO GO THROUGH. IT SHOULD
2 BE A SENSE OF URGENCY WHEN WE HAVE THAT ABILITY. SUPERVISOR
3 KNABE AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** A COUPLE THINGS, AND I HAVE A MOTION I'D LIKE TO
6 PUT ON THE TABLE WHEN IT COMES TO THE REPORT BACK. BUT AGAIN
7 TO FOLLOW-UP ON YOUR QUESTION THAT RELATES ON THE PERMIT
8 PROCESS. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE SEE HAPPENING AS IT RELATES
9 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WE'RE TRYING TO USE RECYCLED WATER
10 IN CERTAIN AREAS LIKE CEMETERIES ARE LOOKING TO CONVERT. BUT
11 THEN THAT'S AN ISSUE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION. SO THERE SEEMS TO BE
12 A HANGUP BETWEEN WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S DOING AND WHAT THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER APPEALS BOARD DOES AND THIS
14 WHOLE PROCESS. AND HERE YOU'VE GOT FOLKS WILLING TO SPEND THE
15 DOLLARS ON INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST AS
16 RAPIDLY AS WE POSSIBLY COULD TO MAKE THAT A REALITY. SO THAT'S
17 JUST ONE PROBLEM THAT'S COME TO OUR ATTENTION RECENTLY. THE
18 MOTION I'D LIKE TO PUT OUT ON THE TABLE AND I THINK THEY'LL
19 PASS IT OUT, IN APRIL AND MAY, THIS BOARD APPROVED A SERIES OF
20 MOTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER IN
21 RESPONSE TO THE STATEWIDE DROUGHT NOTIFYING OUR WATERWORKS
22 DISTRICT CUSTOMERS OF THE MANDATORY WATER REDUCTION
23 REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTING OUR INTERIM C.E.O. AND COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH REPORTS ON OUR PROGRESS
25 TOWARDS CONSERVING POTABLE WATER. THE AUGUST 11TH, 2015 AND

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1 SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2015 REPORTS FROM I.S.D. AND D.P.W. INDICATE
2 THAT WHILE COUNTIES ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF INCORPORATING
3 WATER CONSERVATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE, LANDSCAPE,
4 PLUMBING FIXTURE, COOLING TOWERS, BEHAVIORAL ADJUSTMENT, AND
5 WE HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB ON MOVING FORWARD WITH ALL THAT,
6 BUT OBVIOUSLY WE STILL NEED TO GET TO OUR 25 PERCENT, WHICH IS
7 A PRETTY BIG NUMBER. DURING THIS TIME OF SEVERE DROUGHT, WE
8 ARE ADJUSTING TO OUR NEW NORMAL. I KNOW AS A COUNTY FAMILY, AS
9 PERSONAL FAMILY KINDS OF THINGS WE HAVE TO DO WITH LESS
10 POTABLE WATER AVAILABLE FOR OUR DAILY USE, AND THE COUNTY MUST
11 CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP BY INCREASING OUR
12 CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN VERY SENSIBLE WAYS. THIS INCLUDES
13 BUILDING UPON THE FOUNDATION CREATED AS YOU MENTIONED EIGHT
14 YEARS AGO WITH THE COUNTY'S OFFICE OF WATER RECYCLING WHOSE
15 LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEADERSHIP MUST BE REVIVED WITH A RENEWED
16 FOCUS AND AS THE MAYOR SAID A RENEWED PASSION WORKING
17 COLLABORATIVELY WITH AND QUICKLY TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY
18 AND USE OF RECYCLED WATER AND GRAY WATER SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO
19 REDUCE THAT RELIANCE ON POTABLE WATER. OUR COUNTY HAS BEEN A
20 MAJOR DRIVER OF CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO RECYCLED WATER AND
21 WATER REUSE. THE COUNTY SHOULD INVESTIGATE EXTENDING THESE
22 IMPORTANT WATER SYSTEMS AS YOU SAY YOU'RE TRYING TO DO TO
23 SUPPLY NONPOTABLE WATER TO OUR COUNTY FACILITIES, OUR OUR
24 PARKWAYS TO ENSURE THAT OUR NUMEROUS GREEN SPASDZ WITH MANY
25 TREES, PLANTS AND FLOWERS AND THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR

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1 ECOSYSTEMS THAT THEY DO NOT DIE. I MEAN ONE OF THE PROBLEMS
2 YOU SEE DRIVING AROUND, WHETHER IT BE YOUR PARKS OR IN OUR
3 NEIGHBORHOODS, ARE TREES FALLING. I MEAN, WE STILL HAVE TO
4 PROTECT THAT ECOSYSTEM SOMEHOW. THE I.S.D.-D.W.P. REPORT
5 RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO HAVE ITEM 1-A HELD FOR 90
6 DAYS TO BE CONSIDERED AFTER A REPORT PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD
7 ON THE UPDATED STATUS OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OFFICE OF
8 WATER RECYCLING JANUARY 30, 2007 AND FEBRUARY 3, 2009 REPORTS
9 TO THE BOARD ON RECYCLED WATER AND BOARD-APPROVED PROJECTS AND
10 PRIORITIES. THE REMAINDER OF THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION
11 SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THIS BOARD APPROVE
12 REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS 1-B 2, 3 AND 4 FROM THE I.S.D.-D.W.P.
13 UPDATED REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2015. HAVE A REPORT
14 RECOMMENDATION 1-A FADE TO GOLD POLICY HELD FOR AT LEAST 90
15 DAYS TO BE CONSIDERED AFTER REPORT IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD
16 ON THE UPDATED WATER RECYCLING PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES FROM
17 THE OFFICE OF RECYCLING. AND 2 INSTRUCT THE INTERIM C.E.O. AND
18 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, I.S.D., REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC
19 HEALTH AND PARKS AND RECREATION TO REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS ON
20 THE FOLLOWING: AN UPDATED STATUS OF THE OFFICE OF RECYCLING
21 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OUR PROGRESS TOWARDS
22 IMPLEMENTING THOSE POLICIES, PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES
23 ESTABLISHED BY THIS BOARD AND A TASKFORCE AND THE OFFICE OF
24 RECYCLING DATED AGAIN BACK IN 2007 AND 2009; AND
25 RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND DELIVERY OF

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1 RECYCLED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET OUR COUNTYWIDE NEEDS.
2 AND THAT INCLUDES AND MAY BE DELIVERED BY IMPLEMENTING OR
3 ENHANCING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WHICH SOME CITIES ARE NOW DOING,
4 TRUCKING RECYCLED WATER TO COUNTY LANDSCAPE MEDIANS, PARKWAYS,
5 LANDSCAPE, MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND SO ON TO MAINTAIN THAT
6 ECOSYSTEM. THE HEALTH OF OUR TREES, PLANTS, FLOWERS TO SUPPORT
7 THOSE VERY IMPORTANT ECOSYSTEMS. AND, B, RECYCLED WATER ACTION
8 PLAN, DEVELOP IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
9 WITH UPDATED COST ESTIMATES AND TIMELINES. FURTHER MOVE THAT
10 WE INSTRUCT THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND D.R.P. TO
11 DEVELOP THAT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FOR AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED
12 FOR STREAMLINING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR
13 RESIDENTIAL GRAY WATER SYSTEMS ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
14 AN INFORMATION PAMPHLET TO CONSUMERS INTERESTED IN
15 IMPLEMENTING SUCH SYSTEM AT THE RESIDENCE WITH A REPORT BACK
16 TO THE BOARD IN 120 DAYS. AND THEN FOUR IS TO INSTRUCT EACH
17 COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO I.S.D. AND C.E.O. BUDGET THE
18 FOLLOWING INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE
19 IDENTIFIED HEREBY I.S.D. IDENTIFYING THE BASELINES FROM
20 2013/'14 AND COMPARABLE PERIODS IN '14/'15 AND '15/'16 WITH AN
21 ASSESSMENT OF EACH DEPARTMENT'S PROGRESS TOWARD AN OVERALL 25
22 PERCENT COUNTYWIDE CONSERVATION GOAL AND REPORT BACK TO THE
23 BOARD IN ONE YEAR.

24
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I HAD SOME QUESTIONS RELATED
3 SOMEWHAT TO THE MOTION BUT BEFORE THE MOTION ABOUT THE REPORT,
4 AS WELL. JUST TO CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RECYCLED WATER
5 AND GRAY WATER AND WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT GOES. IS
6 RECYCLED WATER TREATED WATER THAT'S CLEANED UP TO DRINKING
7 WATER STANDARDS?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** PRETTY CLOSE. IT CAN BE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE RECYCLED WATER IS WASTE WATER
12 COLLECTED FROM HOMES, BUSINESSES THAT'S TREATED. AND THEN
13 TREATED TO APPROPRIATE STANDARDS AND AVAILABLE FOR USE. IT
14 CANNOT BE USED FOR DRINKING WATER PURPOSES BUT FOR IRRIGATION
15 AND DUST FIELD PURPOSES. GRAY WATER IS WATER FROM WITHIN HOMES
16 SUCH AS FROM YOUR SINK, FROM YOUR WASHING MACHINE THAT CAN BE
17 REUSED ON SITE FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES. SO THAT IS THE
18 DIFFERENCE IN GRAY WATER.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO IN THE CASE OF RECYCLED WATER, I'M
21 SORRY. IN THE CASE OF RECYCLED WATER, WE HAVE TO ARRANGE TO
22 HAVE IT TRANSPORTED TO OUR SITES FROM THE PLANT THAT CLEANS IT
23 UP. IT'S NOT PLUMBING, RIGHT? DO WE HAVE PLUMBING
24 INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL? FOR RECYCLED WATER. OR IS IT ALL JUST
25 DELIVERED BACK.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** THE WATER AGENCIES WHICH CURRENTLY PRODUCE RECYCLED
3 WATER HAVE CONSTRUCTED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE
4 SERVICE LINES TO PROVIDE RECYCLED WATER IN CERTAIN AREAS OF
5 THE COUNTY. AND AS RUSS GUINEY HAD MENTIONED, THERE ARE
6 CERTAIN PIPELINES WHICH ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO COUNTY FACILITIES
7 SUCH AS PARKS, GOLF COURSES WHERE YOU COULD CONNECT TO THOSE.
8 OTHER INSTANCES, THE DISTANCE IS GREAT. THERE'S ALSO THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A LOOK AT USING RECYCLED WATER FOR
10 WATERING PURPOSES, SUCH AS TO TRUCK IT TO LOCATIONS WHERE WE
11 CAN WATER, FOR EXAMPLE, TREES AND MEDIANS. PUBLIC WORKS IS
12 LOOKING AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND TALKING WITH
13 THE RECYCLED WATER PURVEYORS FOR OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE CAN
14 USE RECYCLED WATER TO INDIVIDUALLY WATER MEDIAN TREES AS WE
15 ARE DOING NOW WITH POTABLE WATER.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IN THE GRAY WATER PERMITTING PROCESS, IS
18 PUBLIC HEALTH INVOLVED? I MEAN, WHO ACTUALLY ISSUES THESE
19 PERMITS? BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT --

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. LIKE IN YOUR DISTRICT BECAUSE I REMEMBER
22 WHEN WE USED TO REPRESENT MALIBU, THE SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** RIGHT.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** ONE THING I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY. ON THE ISSUE OF GRAY
2 WATER REUSE, WHEN IT COMES TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES
3 AND USING GRAY WATER FROM, SAY, THE CLOTHES WASHING EFFORTS,
4 THERE'S NO PERMIT REQUIRED. THERE'S MERELY A SIMPLE STANDARD
5 THAT IS PROVIDED TO HOMEOWNERS FOR THEM TO CONSTRUCT THE
6 PLUMBING TO GROW FROM THEIR WASHING MACHINE OUT TO THE YARD.
7 AS LONG AS THEY FOLLOW THAT THERE IS NO PERMIT REQUIRED BY THE
8 COUNTY TO DO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THERE'S JUST APPROVAL OF THE PLUMBING
11 STRUCTURE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THEY HAVE A STANDARD PLAN PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SPEEDING UP THE
16 PERMIT PROCESS. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE WE PERMITTING
17 HERE? THIS IS ONLY FOR OUR AREAS, RIGHT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** BEYOND JUST THE SIMPLE SAY WASHING MACHINE RETROFIT
20 IF RESIDENTS ARE LOOKING AT DOING A MORE INVOLVED RETROFIT
21 INCLUDING FROM SINKS, SHOWERS. AGAIN THERE'S A SIMPLE STANDARD
22 PLAN THAT THEY'RE PROVIDED THAT THEY THEN, IN TURN, FOLLOW TO
23 PROVIDE US A SIMPLE PLAN AND THE PERMITTING PROCESS IS NOT
24 VERY INVOLVED, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING TO
25 PLACE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITES SO THE PUBLIC

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1 UNDERSTANDS THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STANDARD PROCESS AND
2 WHAT'S INVOLVED. SO FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, I THINK A LOT OF IT
3 IS JUST THE AWARENESS TO MAKE SURE THAT COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
4 AWARE THE PROCESS IS SIMPLE AND WE'RE DOING A BETTER JOB ON
5 THAT.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR? SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?
10 AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO OFFER AN
13 ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT THAT I THINK WILL BE USEFUL FOR OUR
14 OVERALL CONSIDERATION AND DELIBERATION AND EFFECTIVELY WHAT
15 SPEAKS TO THE WATER CONSERVATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND. THE
16 MOTION WHICH IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO YOU IS IN ORDER FOR THE
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO MEET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A
18 WATER REDUCTION GOAL OF 25 PERCENT WITHIN ALL COUNTY-OWNED
19 FACILITIES, AN INITIAL INVESTMENT NEEDS TO BE COMMITTED TO
20 UPGRADE TARGETED WATER SYSTEMS TO MAKE THEM MORE EFFICIENT. IN
21 MANY CASES, IT WILL ONLY BE THROUGH UP FRONT INVESTMENTS THAT
22 LONG TERM, MEANINGFUL CONSERVATION AND COST REDUCTIONS CAN BE
23 ACHIEVED. IN THE AUGUST 11 REPORT, THE DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD
24 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, WE
25 RECOMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FUND THAT WOULD

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1 FUNCTION SIMILAR TO THE REVOLVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOAN FUND
2 THAT I.S.D. OPERATES. THIS FUND COULD BE USED TO FUND PROJECTS
3 THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT WATER CONSERVATION POTENTIAL AND CAN
4 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ASSOCIATED COSTS CAN BE PAID BACK OVER A
5 MAXIMUM OF A 10-YEAR TERM. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I
6 THEREFORE MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES, TO
8 REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON A PROPOSED FUNDING LEVEL, GOVERNANCE
9 MODEL AND THE INITIAL PROJECT LIST INCLUDING COSTS, BENEFIT
10 ANALYSES OF EACH SPECIFIC PROJECT FOR A WATER CONSERVATION
11 LOAN FUND. AND I WOULD SO MOVE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I JUST WANTED TO ASK
18 STAFF IF THEY COULD GO OVER WHAT THE 90-DAY PERIOD WILL MEAN
19 TO THE 1-A FADE GOLD POLICY, WHAT IMPACT THAT WILL HAVE. WHAT
20 DOES THAT MEAN?

21

22 **GAIL FARBER:** WE'RE GOING TO GRAB THE 1-A.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GRAB IT.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** I THINK IN OUR INITIAL RECOMMENDATION, WE HAD
2 SUGGESTED RATHER THAN JUST GOING WITH A FADE TO GOLD STRATEGY,
3 THAT WE CONSIDERED THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT ON TREES AND
4 SO ON. AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION SAYS HE WANTS
5 MORE DETAIL ON HOW THAT WILL WORK. SO I THINK IN 90 DAYS IT'S
6 REASONABLE FOR US TO COME BACK WITH AN EXPLANATION OF HOW
7 GOING TO A FADE TO GOLD POLICY FOR COUNTY FACILITIES WILL BE
8 MANAGED AND PRESERVE THE TREES. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY NEEDED. I
9 THINK D.P.W.'S ALHAMBRA OFFICE, FOR EXAMPLE, WENT TO A FADE TO
10 GOLD IMPLEMENTATION AND THEN IMPLEMENTED SEPARATE PLUMBING FOR
11 THE TREES TO SUSTAIN THAT ENVIRONMENT.

12

13 **GAIL FARBER:** IN LOOKING AT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN LOOKING AT
14 THE MOTION, 1-A, WHICH SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MULTI-PART MOTION
15 ADDRESSES, SO THERE'S MULTIPLE PARTS DIRECTING WITH RESPECT TO
16 RECYCLING EFFORTS, RECYCLED WATER ACTION PLAN, WORKING WITH
17 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WORKING WITH THE RESIDENTS ON THE REPORT
18 BACK ON THE GRAY WATER USAGE, SO PRETTY MUCH IT WOULD BE TO
19 ACCOMPLISH THAT, AS WELL, IT'S DOABLE CERTAINLY WITHIN THAT
20 TIMEFRAME. I THINK IT REQUIRES WORKING WITH OUR IRWIN PARTNERS
21 IN INTEGRATING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN
22 THE REGION WITH RESPECT TO RECLAIMED AND RECYCLED WATER TO
23 RECHARGE IT AS WELL AS WORKING WITH SAND DISTRICT AND RUSS
24 GUINEY POINTED OUT WORKING WITH THE WATER PURVEYORS, THE CITY
25 OF L.A. TO GET INFRASTRUCTURE PIPE TO THE COUNTY FACILITIES

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1 FOR DEPLOYING IN COUNTY OPERATIONS. SO WE'LL WORK WITH OUR
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, PROBABLY ENGAGE THE SUSTAINABILITY
3 COUNCIL, THE WORKING GROUP, THE TASK GROUP THAT RUSS
4 MENTIONED, TO ADDRESS THAT PIECE. AND THEN PUT TOGETHER THE
5 REPORT WITH OUR PARTNERS WITH RESPECT TO A COMPREHENSIVE
6 RECYCLING ACTION PLAN.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MY CONCERN IS THE 90 DAYS BECAUSE WE ARE
9 MOVING INTO EL NINO, RIGHT? AND WE DO HAVE A LOT OF TREES THAT
10 ARE DEAD, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD. AND I RAISE THAT BECAUSE
11 EARLIER IN THE YEAR WE HAD AN INCIDENT WHERE A TREE ACTUALLY
12 FELL, MAYBE SEVERAL IN THE COUNTY, BUT ONE IN PARTICULAR FELL
13 IN THE SOUTH WHITTIER AREA AND HIT A YOUNG CHILD IN THE SKULL
14 AND TWO CHILDREN WERE SENT TO THE HOSPITAL. AND I'M JUST
15 SAYING HOW DO WE DO A BETTER JOB OF MAYBE THINKING QUICKER IN
16 TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO IDENTIFY WHERE SOME OF THESE HOT SPOTS
17 ARE. SO I REALIZE THE URGENCY OF TRYING TO KEEP TREES ALIVE
18 BUT THE ONES THAT ARE DEAD, ALSO WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THOSE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT ADVOCATING NOT TO REMOVE THEM.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M NOT SAYING THAT. I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE
23 STAFF KIND OF MAYBE THEIR THOUGHTS ON MOVING.

24

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1 **GAIL FARBER:** WELL WITH RESPECTS TO THE HEALTH OF THE TREES
2 CURRENTLY IN THE COUNTY, WE CERTAINLY CAN PROVIDE A REPORT
3 BACK ON THAT. WE'VE DONE EXTENSIVE SURVEYS TO ASSESS THE
4 HEALTH OF THE TREES BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER STRESSED FROM THE
5 DROUGHT. AND AS PART OF OUR EL NINO PREPAREDNESS, TO ENSURE,
6 TO PRIORITIZE THE INSPECTIONS AND ANY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT
7 WE NEED TO TAKE IF WE NEED TO REMOVE TREES BEFORE ANY SERIOUS
8 SIGNIFICANT STORMS HIT. SO WE CAN PREPARE THAT STRATEGY AND
9 PROVIDE THAT BACK TO YOU, BUT WE HAVE DONE THOSE INSPECTIONS.
10 WE PRIORITIZE THEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE'VE ENGAGED
11 ARBORISTS. WE TRAINED STAFF. WE STEPPED UP THE INSPECTION
12 PROGRAMS REGARDING TO THE WATERING AND THE FADE TO GOLD, AS
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE MENTIONED. IT STILL DOESN'T MEAN TURN OFF
14 WATER AND STOP WATERING TREES. THE TREES HAVE CONTINUED TO BE
15 MAINTAINED AND WATERED. BUT YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN THAT WE
16 DO NEED TO BE VERY MINDFUL AND TO ASSESS THE HEALTH OF THE
17 TREES.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO WILL YOU COME BACK TO US, CAN WEE ATTACH
20 THAT AS MAYBE AN AMENDMENT SO THAT WE JUST GET A REPORT BACK
21 FROM YOU AS YOU JUST STATED?

22

23 **GAIL FARBER:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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1

2 **GAIL FARBER:** WE CAN GIVE YOU A REPORT ON THE TREES,
3 SPECIFICALLY ON TREE HEALTH.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE WANT TO THANK
8 YOU. WE HAVE MOTIONS BEFORE US. EXCUSE ME. WE WILL HAVE PUBLIC
9 COMMENT FIRST. MR. SACHS? AND ERIC PREVEN.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
12 LIKE HOW THIS STARTED. THE D.W.P. CONSUMPTION BILLING WAS
13 FLAWED. BUT THE COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS, WHEN THEY SET THE
14 MANDATES FOR THE DISTRICTS YOU OVERSEE IS USING CONSUMPTION
15 BILLING. IT WAS FLAWED FOR D.W.P. BUT IT WAS FINE FOR YOU TO
16 IMPOSE ON THE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S WATER WORK DISTRICTS
17 THAT YOU OVERSEE. DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU
18 FEEL ABOUT THE D.W.P. SETTLEMENT WHERE SOME PEOPLE ARE
19 COMPLAINING THAT THE D.W.P. IS IN CONTROL BECAUSE OF THE
20 FLAWED BILLING SYSTEM? IT'S REALLY ALL THESE WONDERFUL PLANS.
21 AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF THE 2007 WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. ALL
22 THIS WONDERFUL WORK REALLY DOESN'T ANSWER THE ONE QUESTION
23 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE WITH THE RIDICULOUSNESS OF YOU GUYS
24 ABUSING YOUR POWER TO WASH YOUR CARS. ALL YOU REALLY NEED TO
25 DO IS SAY "WE'RE SORRY." BUT NOBODY IS SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU

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1 DON'T HAVE TO. WE DON'T CATER TO THAT. IT'S A MAJOR DRIVER.
2 IT'S THE CRASH TEST DUMMIES RUNNING THE PROGRAM AGAIN. THIS
3 STUFF WE TALKED ABOUT WAS IN APRIL AND MAY. IT'S COMING BACK
4 HERE IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. THE 2007 WATER CONSERVATION
5 PLAN? AND YOU'RE DEALING WITH INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS? WOULDN'T
6 THAT BE PART OF THE WE NEED TO PROJECT INTO THE FUTURE? YOU
7 HAVE A PROJECTION ABOUT YOUR DATA PROCESSING CENTERS. WE HAVE
8 TO REPAIR THOSE. ALL THOSE DIFFERENT, YOU HAVE REPAIRS AT
9 METRO. EVERY SYSTEM THAT'S OVERSEEN IN THE COUNTY AND THE
10 CITY, ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE D.W.P., BY THE WAY, HAS TO BE
11 INFRASTRUCTURALLY SOUND AND IT'S FALLING APART. AND BY THE
12 WAY, THE USE OF MORE GRAY WATER, DOES THAT LEAVE LESS FOR
13 RECYCLING? THERE WAS AN EPISODE ON "SEINFELD" WHERE KRAMER WAS
14 WASHING HIS VEGETABLES WHILE SHOWERING. DOES THAT COUNT AS
15 RECYCLABLE WATER OR GRAY WATER?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DEPENDS WHO'S EATING THE VEGETABLES.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE GRAY WATER, SIR, I THINK
20 BUT I'M NOT SURE. I APPRECIATE THAT, SIR. THIS IS A VERY
21 ROBUST PROGRAM ON THIS GREAT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TRYING TO
22 ROLL BACK THE USAGE. TRYING TO ENJOY SOME BENEFITS AND SAVINGS
23 AND OF COURSE TRYING TO CONSERVE. LET ME ECHO WHAT THE GREAT
24 MAYOR GARCETTI AND STEVE CORRELL SAID WHICH IS REGARDING
25 WATERING YOUR LAWN, SIR, "TWICE IS NICE BUT NOT MORE ON A

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1 WEEKLY BASIS." AND THAT'S AN IMPORTANT SLOGAN. AND ANOTHER
2 ONE, SIR, AND I TOOK SOME HEAT LAST WEEK BECAUSE I MADE A
3 SUPPORTIVE COMMENT TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS KEEPING HIS CAR
4 CLEAN. THIS WAS A STORY IN NOT THE L.A. TIMES, WHO WE REVERE,
5 BUT ANOTHER RAG WHO WE CAN'T EVEN SAY THEIR NAME OUT LOUD
6 BECAUSE THEY WROTE A STATEMENT THAT WAS UNFRIENDLY TO OUR
7 GREAT LEADER, ACTUALLY IT'S THE "DAILY NEWS". BUT THE POINT I
8 WANTED TO MAKE IS WE SHOULD NEVER OVERWASH OUR CARS. I NEVER
9 WASH MY CARS. IT'S A PROTECTIVE LAYER OF DIRT, THAT'S HOW WE
10 DO IT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BECAUSE WE KNOW IT'S VERY, VERY
11 PROBLEMATIC. ONE FINAL COMMENT. IF IT IS YELLOW WE WANT TO LET
12 IT MELLOW. THAT IS SOMETHING I TAUGHT MY YOUNGSTERS WHICH IS
13 THAT I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO MINUTIAE OF THAT HERE IN A
14 LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM. BUT THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL THAT YOU'RE
15 DOING ON THIS, TEAM. THIS IS IMPORTANT. AND WE ARE GOING TO
16 FINALLY GRAPPLE WITH THE BILLING PROBLEMS ONE OF THESE DAYS.
17 AND THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE HEADS UP. SO THANKS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION AS AMENDED. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE WILL NOW GO INTO ITEM 58 CAME
21 BACK WITH THE AMENDMENTS. WE HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I
23 VOTING NO. IT PASSED 3-2 WITH KUEHL, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MISS
24 SOLIS VOTING AYE. OKAY. NOW WE WILL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. OH

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1 ADJOURNMENTS. ADJOURNMENTS WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. MAYOR. I ASK THAT
5 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GABRIELLE
6 BURTON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. RENOWNED
7 FEMINIST AUTHOR RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76 IN HER
8 VENICE HOME AFTER A BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER. GABRIELLE
9 BURTON'S BEST KNOWN WORKS CENTER ON THE DONNER PARTY, THE ILL-
10 FATED EXPEDITION WHO JOURNEYED FROM ILLINOIS WESTWARD AND
11 INFAMOUSLY MET THEIR TRAGIC FATE DURING A FREEZING WINTER ON
12 THE SLOPES OF CALIFORNIA'S SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS. SHE
13 PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS ON THE TRAGEDY. THE 2009 ACCOUNT CALLED
14 "SEARCHING FOR TAMSEN DONNER" BASED UPON HER EXPERIENCE
15 RETRACING THE PATH OF THE EXPEDITION AS WELL AS A FICTIONAL
16 MEMOIR TITLED "IMPATIENT WITH DESIRE" BASED ON HISTORIC
17 ACCOUNTS AND SURVIVING LETTERS FROM ONE OF THE PARTY'S FEMALE
18 MEMBERS. BORN IN LANSING, MICHIGAN, SHE ATTENDED DETROIT'S
19 MARYGROVE COLLEGE AND WAS AN EARLY LEADER IN THE WOMEN'S
20 MOVEMENT. PUBLISHED HER FIRST BOOK IN 1972, AN EFFORT TO RAISE
21 CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT FEMINIST ISSUES TITLED "I'M RUNNING AWAY
22 FROM HOME, BUT I'M NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS THE STREET." SHE ALSO
23 WROTE A SCREEN PLAY THAT BECAME A FEATURE FILM "MANNA FROM
24 HEAVEN" MADE BY THE PRODUCTION COMPANY FIVE SISTERS WHICH WAS
25 FORMED BY HER DAUGHTERS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 53

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1 YEARS, ROGER, HER FIVE DAUGHTERS, MARIA, JENNIFER, URSULA,
2 GRABRIELLE AND CHARITY AND 8 GRANDCHILDREN. AND, COLLEAGUES, I
3 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 NORMAN FARBEROW, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN
5 WEST L.A. AND COFOUNDER OF THIS COUNTRY'S FIRST SUICIDE
6 PREVENTION CENTER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97,
7 UNFITTINGLY, WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY. HE WAS CONSIDERED A
8 PIONEER IN THE EFFORT TO ERASE THE SHAME CONNECTED WITH
9 SUICIDE AND TRY TO EXAMINE AND TREAT THE UNDERLYING
10 PSYCHOLOGICAL CAUSES OF LONELINESS, ISOLATION, DEPRESSION. HE
11 DEVELOPED INNOVATIVE CRISIS INNOVATION STRATEGIES DESIGNED TO
12 ENGAGE TROUBLED INDIVIDUALS IN A NONJUDGMENTAL WAY. HE WAS
13 BORN IN PITTSBURGH, MOVED TO L.A. AND BEGAN WORKING WITH
14 TROUBLED WORLD WAR II VETERANS AT THE WEST L.A. V.A. FACILITY
15 WHILE FINISHING HIS DOCTORATE AT U.C.L.A. AS A VETERAN AND AIR
16 FORCE CAPTAIN, HE WAS ABLE TO EMPATHIZE WITH AND UNDERSTAND
17 THEIR DIFFICULTIES. LATER HE SERVED AS A DEPUTY CORONER WHICH
18 OFFERED ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY AND TRY TO BETTER
19 UNDERSTAND SUICIDE CASES. HE LATER BECAME A PROLIFIC AUTHOR ON
20 THE SUBJECT, COFOUNDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
21 SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ONE OF OUR NATION'S LEADING AUTHORITIES
22 ON THE SUBJECT. HE'S SURVIVED BY A SON, DAVID, DAUGHTER
23 HILLARY FARBEROW STUART, THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT
24 GRANDCHILDREN. HIS WIFE OF 61 YEARS, PEARL, PREDECEASED HIM IN
25 2008.

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2 **SUP ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'D
6 LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WENDY YOUNG, DEAR
7 FRIEND AND WIFE OF L.A. COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER
8 DENNIS YOUNG WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY VERY SUDDENLY AND
9 TRAGICALLY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS. SINCE 2012 WENDY HAD WORKED AS THE
14 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB. SHE
15 GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WAS
16 AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF HER ALMA MATER. WENDY WAS A VERY
17 KIND SOUL WHO EARNED THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF EVERYONE
18 WHO KNEW HER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DENNIS, FAMILY AND
19 FRIENDS. WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. ALSO THAT
20 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF "EDDI" FABIAN RUCKER WHO PASSED AWAY
21 ON SEPTEMBER 6TH AFTER A VERY COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER.
22 SHE WAS BORN IN 1952 GRADUATED FROM BELLFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL.
23 BEGAN A CAREER IN ESCROW IN 1971. SHE AND HER HUSBAND OF OVER
24 41 YEARS CREATED TEAMWORK ESCROW AND BOTH HAVE BEEN VERY
25 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER

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1 HUSBAND BILL, SURVIVED BY CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND HER
2 SISTER AS WELL AS TWO BROTHERS. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY
3 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. A GREAT COMMUNITY CITIZEN. ALSO WE ADJOURN
4 IN MEMORY OF FRANK PERRINE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77
5 AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH HEART DISEASE AND DIABETES.
6 FAITHFULLY SERVED OUR COUNTRY AS A VETERAN BOTH IN THE NAVY
7 AND THE AIR FORCE. WORKED FOR DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT FOR 45 YEARS.
8 RETIRED IN 2011. MET HIS WIFE WHILE WORKING THERE AND FRANK
9 FULFILLED THE LIFELONG DREAM OF OWNING HIS OWN BUSINESS WHEN
10 HIS WIFE OPENED ZIP'Z ICE CREAM PLEASURES IN LA PALMA IN 1977.
11 HE WAS A VERY DEVOUT MEMBER OF CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF
12 LATTER DAY SAINTS. SURVIVED BY WIFE, THREE CHILDREN, HIS
13 BROTHER, 7 GREAT CHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL
14 BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY THAT WEE
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARILYN SCOTT. 33-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF OUR
16 L.A. FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 2ND.
17 DURING HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CREDIT UNION, SHE ENRICHED THE
18 LIVES OF MANY WITH VERY CARING AND KIND ATTITUDE. SHE'S
19 SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, TWO GRAND DAUGHTERS. SHE WILL
20 BE SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE STAFF AT L.A.
21 FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION. THOSE ARE MY OBJECTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.
24 I WANT TO MOVE IN ADJOURNMENT FOR PETER HANNAFORD WHO WAS AN
25 AIDE TO GOVERNOR AND THEN PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHO WAS

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1 QUITE INVOLVED IN THE WRITING AND RELATIONS OF GOVERNOR AND
2 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S CAREER. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
3 82. HE HAD WRITTEN SIX BOOKS ON REAGAN INCLUDING
4 "RECOLLECTIONS OF REAGAN: A PORTRAIT OF RONALD REAGAN".
5 "RONALD REAGAN AND HIS RANCH--THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE 1981 TO
6 '89". "REMEMBERING REAGAN" AND "THE QUOTABLE RONALD REAGAN".
7 WHEN THE GOVERNOR LEFT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AFTER TWO TERMS,
8 PETER JOINED MICHAEL DEEVER TO HANDLE THE RADIO BROADCAST AND
9 NEWSPAPER COLUMNS. PETER SPENT TIME SERVING IN BOTH THE
10 HUMBOLDT COUNTY GRAND JURY AND THE CITY OF EUREKA'S FINANCIAL
11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OVERSAW THE OPINION SECTION OF THE
12 "EUREKA REPORTER." ALSO INVOLVED WITH HIS CHURCH, EPISCOPAL
13 CHURCH IN EUREKA FOR MANY YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
14 SONS AND HIS WIFE IRENE AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. I JUST RECENTLY
15 HE RECEIVED A COPY OF HIS NEW BOOK HE HAD JUST WRITTEN. AND HE
16 WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND STRONG ALLY TO THE FORMER PRESIDENT.
17 JAMES BRODERICK PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100. HE WAS A
18 GRADUATE AT U.C. BERKELEY BOALT HALL LAW SCHOOL. OBTAINED A
19 LAW DEGREE ALSO AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL AND HE SERVED IN THE
20 UNITED STATES ARMY LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN WORLD WAR II. HE WAS
21 THE FOUNDER OF THE HOLY FAMILY ADOPTION SERVICE AND WORKED ON
22 THE HOUR OF ST. FRANCIS ON RADIO AND INVOLVED WITH ST. FRANCIS
23 CENTER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
24 CAMILLA AND SON THOMAS. PAUL GEDIGIAN, RESIDENT OF PASADENA,
25 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 3RD AT THE AGE OF 91. HE'S SURVIVED

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1 BY HIS WIFE JUDY AND BROTHER HARRY, TWO CHILDREN, TWO-STEP
2 CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN. I APPRECIATED PAUL'S FRIENDSHIP
3 AND LEADERSHIP. QUITE ACTIVE IN THE ARMENIAN- AMERICAN
4 COMMUNITY. AND IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE GENOCIDE THAT HAD
5 TAKEN PLACE. EDWIN KALISH PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 8TH.
6 GRADUATE OF DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL. AND SERVED IN THE UNITED
7 STATES ARMY. HE SERVED THE K-WEST ENGINEERING AND GRADING
8 COMPANY, ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
9 CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION WHERE HE SERVED AS THE FIRST
10 PRESIDENT. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LOIS AND THEIR TWO
11 DAUGHTERS, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.
12 WILFORD BAXTER OLSON. WILL PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 27TH AT THE AGE
13 OF 78. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. A MEMBER OF THE
14 ATWATER MASONIC LODGE 622. A GRADUATE OF JOHN MARSHALL HIGH
15 SCHOOL AND SERVED AS THE GRAND MASTER FOR ATWATER MASONIC
16 LODGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BEVERLY AND THEIR TWO SONS.
17 ELIZABETH HELMS ADAMS, DAUGHTER OF PAUL HELMS, FOUNDER OF
18 HELMS BAKERY PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 6TH. SHE HAD BEEN
19 APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES
20 BOARD AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN'S EDUCATION. SHE WAS
21 KNOWN FOR HER WORK WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION, SERVED AS A
22 TRUSTEE FOR MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, THACHER SCHOOL AND LIFETIME
23 TRUSTEE OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN SANTA MONICA. SHE IS
24 SURVIVED BY TWO CHILDREN, ONE GRANDCHILD, ONE NEPHEW, AND FIVE
25 STEPCHILDREN. MERV ADELSON, DEVELOPER, PHILANTHROPIST IN

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1 HOLLYWOOD CREATED TOP TV SHOWS INCLUDING "THE WALTONS",
2 "DALLAS", PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE BUILT MARKET TOWN,
3 LAS VEGAS, THE FIRST 24-HOUR SUPERMARKET IN THE EARLY '50S.
4 MOVED HIS HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CITY'S
5 FIRST INDOOR MALL AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL. HE DEVELOPED THE LA
6 COSTA RESORT IN CARLSBAD AND FORMED LORIMAR PRODUCTIONS WHICH
7 LAUNCHED THE PRIME-TIME SOAP OPERAS, "FALCON CREST", "KNOTS
8 LANDING" IN THE '80S. SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN. AND ALSO
9 ALBERT KOLLER, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.
10 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
11 NAVY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. WORKED FOR GREYHOUND BUS AS A
12 DRIVER FOR 13 YEARS AND COUNTY TRANSIT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 13
13 YEARS. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND SISTER, RODNEY LAWRENCE COOK.
14 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE HAD LIVED IN THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
16 AND 38-YEAR CAREER WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. AND HE IS
17 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, LORI AND LISA AND BROTHER JACK AND
18 WALT. VICKI KAE HEART, PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, LIFELONG
19 RESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON
20 ROBERT. LIEUTENANT CHARLES JOSEPH GLINIEWICZ, 30-YEAR VETERAN
21 OF THE FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO WAS TRAGICALLY
22 MURDERED WHILE ON DUTY AT THE AGE OF 52. UNITED STATES ARMY
23 VETERAN FOR 26 YEARS. RECEIVING THE COMMENDATION MEDAL FROM
24 THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE. HE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FOUR SONS, MOTHER, STEPMOTHER, BROTHER,

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1 HALF BROTHER AND TWO-STEP BROTHERS. AND JOHN VICTOR GONZALEZ,
2 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. HE LIVED IN
3 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THE PAST 53 YEARS. HE WORKED IN
4 AVIATION AND SPACE INDUSTRY WHILE EARNING HIS DEGREE IN SOCIAL
5 SERVICE. FOR 30 YEARS HE SERVED AS A VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT
6 REPRESENTATIVE. ALSO EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AT SACRED HEART
7 CHURCH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 52
8 YEARS, MARIA, AND THEIR SONS JOHN, CAESAR AND ROLANDO AND
9 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION SO ORDERED.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I HAVE ONE. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
13 I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF STANLEY WAYNE EKSTROM.
14 STAN PASSED AWAY AUGUST 20, 2015. HE WAS BORN IN MONTEREY
15 PARK, CALIFORNIA AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS. HE WAS BRILLIANT,
16 INSIGHTFUL, GENEROUS AND DOWN-TO-EARTH. HE MAINTAINED A WIDE
17 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. HE WAS AN ELECTIFYING
18 PERSON WHO NEVER FAILED TO CAPTURE YOUR INTEREST. HE WILL BE
19 FOREVER BE MISSED AND REMEMBERED DUE TO THE UNIQUE MAGIC OF
20 HIS PERSONA. STAN'S FATHER FOUNDED CARDINAL INDUSTRIAL
21 FINISHES IN SOUTH LA MONTE BACK IN 1952 AT AN EARLY AGE. HE
22 BEGAN ACCOMPANYING HIS FATHER TO WORK AND LEARNED THE PAINT
23 BUSINESS FROM THE GROUND UP. IN 1988 HIS FATHER TURNED THE
24 PRESIDENCY OVER TO HIS SON. ON THE VERY END OF HIS LIFE STAN
25 WAS CONSTANTLY PURSUING IDEAS AND METHODS THAT WOULD IMPROVE

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1 THE COMPANY AND ITS PRODUCT. HE WAS DEDICATED TO PHILANTHROPY
2 AND OFFERED HIS SUPPORT TO CAUSES ASSISTING IN MANY, MANY
3 WAYS. HE FELT ALSO A STRONG INTEREST IN PATRIOTIC FORM WITH
4 RESPECT TO HIS FATHER WHO HAD BEEN A SOLDIER IN WORLD WAR II.
5 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED DAUGHTER MEGAN AND HIS BROTHER
6 RICHARD AND WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS ELDEST BROTHER
7 DENNIS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
10 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COLLEAGUES, PLEASE
13 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF NOAH DAVIS. BORN JUNE 3,
14 1983 IN SEATTLE AND PASSED ON AUGUST 29 AT THE AGE OF 32. HIS
15 TALENT SURFACED AT A YOUNG AGE WHEN HE WAS ONLY 17. HE OWNED
16 HIS OWN ART STUDIO AND AFTER ESTABLISHING A REPUTATION AS A
17 PAINTER IN HIS EARLY 20S, HE GRADUATED FROM THE COOPER UNION
18 FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART IN NEW YORK. THEN HE
19 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WHERE HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS SURREAL IMAGES
20 OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS. HIS ARTWORK WAS ACQUIRED BY PRESTIGIOUS
21 INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM, THE
22 MUSEUM OF MODERN ART IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THE LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. IN THE YEAR 2008 HIS PAINTINGS WERE
24 INCLUDED IN THE TRAVELING EXHIBITION ENTITLED 30 AMERICANS
25 WHICH SHOWCASED THE WORKS BY SEVERAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS

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1 AND THEN 2012, WITH HIS WIFE, HE OPENED THE UNDERGROUND MUSEUM
2 IN THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. HIGH-END
3 NONPROFITS ARTS-BASED STUDIO THAT PROVIDED EXPERIMENTAL ARTS
4 TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. IN 2013 HE CREATED THE INSTALLATION
5 ENTITLED "IMITATION OF WEALTH BY BLUE CHIP ARTISTS" WHICH IS
6 NOW ON EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART. THE
7 UNDERGROUND MUSEUM OFFERS PUBLIC ART PERFORMANCES, FILM AND
8 SCULPTURE GARDEN SHOP AND THE WELLNESS PROGRAMS WHICH ARE
9 ACCESSIBLE TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. SIR DAVIS WILL BE
10 REMEMBERED AS A GIFTED, ACCOMPLISHED PAINTER AND VISIONARY. HE
11 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON MOSES, HIS MOTHER,
12 BROTHER, FRIENDS AND MANY, MANY MEMBERS OF THE ART COMMUNITY,
13 THE ARTS COMMUNITY WHO WILL MISS HIM MOST ASSUREDLY. AND THEN
14 THERE IS LEON LEFTWIN, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, BORN DECEMBER
15 29, 1929 IN MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN. AND HE PASSED ON JULY THE
16 13TH AT THE AGE OF 85. HE BECAME AN ACTIVIST AT THE AGE OF 13
17 AND WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST INDIVIDUALS TO BE NAMED ON THE J.
18 EDGAR HOOVER'S F.B.I. LIST. AT THE AGE OF 15, HE ENROLLED AT
19 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO TO STUDY THE BRAIN BUT ULTIMATELY
20 GRADUATED WITH A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
21 AFTER BEING INSPIRED BY MCCARTHY ERA ATTACKS ON CIVIL
22 LIBERTIES. IN THE 1950S, HE WAS A LEADER IN THE LABOR LEAGUE
23 BUT LEFT AFTER LEARNING OF THE BRUTALITIES OF THE STALIN
24 REGIME IN THE SOVIET UNION AND IN THE '60S HE BECAME A
25 U.C.L.A. LAW PROFESSOR WHERE HE ENCOURAGED MINORITY STUDENTS

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1 TO ENROLL IN THE SCHOOL OF LAW. AND IN 1968 HE FOUNDED AND
2 LAUNCHED THE LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA WHICH SOUGHT TO INCREASE THE ENROLLMENT OF AFRICAN-
4 AMERICANS THEN DESCRIBED AS MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS AT
5 U.C.L.A., U.S.C. AND LOYOLA LAW SCHOOLS. HE WAS AN EXPERT ON
6 EVIDENCE, CIVIL PROCEDURE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AS WELL AS
7 CRIMINAL LAW AND PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE 1974 PITCHESS VERSUS
8 THE SUPERIOR COURT CASE THAT ESTABLISHED THE RIGHT OF
9 DEFENDANTS ACCUSED OF RESISTING ARREST TO OBTAIN RECORDS
10 RELATING TO COMPLAINTS OF EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE BY A POLICE
11 OFFICER WHICH FORMED THE PITCHESS MOTION. HE WILL BE
12 REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL
13 JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LOLITA,
14 SONS MICHAEL, DAVID. HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, COLLEAGUES,
15 STUDENTS AND ACTIVISTS IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES
16 MOVEMENTS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM MOST ASSUREDLY. DR. JAMES
17 A. MAYES, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
18 GARDENA, PASSED ON THE 21ST OF AUGUST AT THE AGE OF 76. HE
19 GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,
20 SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND WAS A DECORATED COMBAT VETERAN
21 IN THE VIETNAM WAR WHERE HE SERVED AS A MEDICAL CAPTAIN. IN
22 1973, HE BECAME THE FIRST CHIEF OF CARDIOLOGY AT THE MARTIN
23 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HE FOUNDED THE
24 MAYES MEDICAL CLINIC ON SOUTH BROADWAY IN LOS ANGELES WHERE HE
25 PROVIDED LOW COST HEALTHCARE TO THE COMMUNITY. AND IN 1983, HE

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1 FOUNDED THE ADOPT-A-FAMILY ENDOWMENT WHICH PLACES AFRICAN-
2 AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL ROLE MODELS WITH STRUGGLING CHILDREN.
3 THE PROGRAM WAS RECOGNIZED BY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHO
4 HONORED DR. MAYES WITH THE GEORGE WASHINGTON HONOR MEDAL FOR
5 INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT. HE WAS CALLED THE MARCUS WELBY OF THE
6 GHETTO FOR HIS FOUNDING OF THE PROMENADE OF PROMINENCE,
7 A.K.A., THE WALK OF FAME IN WATTS, A SIDEWALK MONUMENT ON
8 SUCCESS STREET, WHICH FEATURES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE
9 NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY. IT WAS AWARDED A
10 STATUS THAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORIC
11 MONUMENT AND LANDMARK. HE AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS INCLUDING
12 PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE, DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE FOR CLEAR AND
13 PRESENT DANGER AND SEE ONE, DO ONE, TEACH ONE, WHICH MOTIVATED
14 YOUTH, ESPECIALLY UNDERSERVED YOUNG PEOPLE TO PURSUE CAREERS
15 IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
16 RENAISSANCE MAN, A PHILANTHROPIST, A GIFTED CARDIOLOGIST AND A
17 CIVIC LEADER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR SONS, FRIENDS,
18 COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE WATTS COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR
19 AND WELL BEYOND. DR. JAMES A. MAYES. AND, FINALLY, MR. MAYOR
20 AND COLLEAGUES, MAY I INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN IN THE MEMORY
21 OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THESE THREE LITTLE BOYS, ALEXANDER
22 FUENTES, JUAN FUENTES, LUIS FUENTES AGES 8, 9 AND 10 WHO WE
23 LEARNED WERE STABBED TO DEATH BY THEIR FATHER. THE
24 CIRCUMSTANCES YET TO BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. WE WON'T GO INTO ANY
25 FURTHER DETAIL ABOUT IT. WE SIMPLY MOURN THE DEATH OF THESE

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1 THREE CHILDREN. WE WILL ASSERT THAT NO ONE DESERVES TO DIE
2 LIKE THIS. AND IT MEANS THAT WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO. ALL
3 MEMBERS, PLEASE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
6 LET ME ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF YEVNIGE
7 SALIBAIAN, ONE OF THE LAST SURVIVING AMERICAN ARMENIAN
8 GENOCIDE VICTIMS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 101. AFTER
9 ESCAPING FROM TURKEY TO SYRIA AND LEBANON, SHE AND HER HUSBAND
10 SETTLED IN SAN JOSE AND THEN MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WHERE THEY
11 DEDICATED THEIR LIFE'S MINISTERING TO REFUGEES, ORPHANS,
12 STUDENTS, AND THE DISABLED. THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH
13 ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, SHE WAS ABLE TO SHARE
14 HER REMARKABLE STORY WITH OTHERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE
15 CHILDREN, 11 GRANDCHILDREN, 24 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND 3 GREAT
16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, MANY TODAY WHO ARE SERVING AS
17 MISSIONARIES, PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS. AND ALSO IN MEMORY OF ADA
18 MARIE WATSON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WAS A SUCCESSFUL REALTOR
20 WITH THE WILLIAM WILSON COMPANY AND LIVED IN SAN MARINO FOR
21 THE PAST 54 YEARS. IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS AND TWO
22 GRANDCHILDREN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. JOSEPH
24 MAIZLISH. BENNY HAMILTON. MICHELLE REED. JOHN AARON. YOU
25 WEREN'T HERE EARLIER, RIGHT?

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2 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I TRIED TO BE HERE. I HAD TO LEAVE. I SIGNED
3 UP FOR S-1, I HAD TO LEAVE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE KEPT CALLING YOU. WELCOME BACK.

6

7 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YEAH. I THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND SOUPS. I WAS
8 PLEASED TO HEAR WHEN I CAME BACK THAT THE RESTITUTION MOTION
9 PASSED. IT'S PRETTY IMPORTANT THAT RESTITUTION BE GIVEN TO
10 PEOPLE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE TIME OF THEIR INJURY
11 BECAUSE IT JUST ASSISTS IN RECOVERY. THEY KNOW THAT THE
12 COMMUNITY IS CARING ABOUT THEM. THAT HELPS, TOO. AND ALSO IT'S
13 A REMINDER TO THE CONVICTED PERSON AND TO THEIR FAMILY THAT
14 SOMEONE HAS BEEN HARMED IN THIS. AND THAT'S AS IMPORTANT,
15 PERHAPS, AS THE FUNDS THEMSELVES. PARTICULARLY SINCE WHEN
16 SOMEBODY'S INCARCERATED, THE FUNDS ARE NOT GOING TO BE THAT
17 GREAT, USUALLY. SECOND POINT IS ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF THE 50
18 PERCENT OR WHATEVER IT IS, I'D LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT
19 ACTUALLY EXEMPTING A CERTAIN BASE AMOUNT. AND THEN THE
20 PERCENTAGE COLLECTED MAKES LESS DIFFERENCE IN THE JUSTICE
21 DEPUTY'S DISCUSSION AT THE CLUSTER MEETING LAST WEEK, IT
22 WASN'T KNOWN WHETHER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DID OR DIDN'T
23 SUPPLY CERTAIN BASIC HYGIENE ITEMS, FOR EXAMPLE. AND I'D LIKE
24 THE BOARD TO LOOK INTO THAT, FIND OUT WHAT THERE IS AND IF
25 THERE IS SOMETHING LIKE TOOTHPASTE, SHOWER SHOES OR WHATEVER

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1 LIKE THAT THAT MUST BE BOUGHT BY THE INMATE FROM THEIR
2 ACCOUNT, THAT SOME BASIC EXEMPT AMOUNT BE ESTABLISHED FOR
3 THAT. AND THEN THE COLLECTION BE AT WHATEVER PERCENTAGE ABOVE
4 THAT. SO FAMILIES DON'T HAVE TO SEND IN \$20 TO GET \$10 TO HELP
5 WITH SOMEONE. THIS BY THE WAY, PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT OF JAIL
6 UNDER SUPERVISION AND WHATEVER PROGRAMS, PROVIDED THEY CAN BE
7 SAFE, BOTH SAFE FOR THE VICTIMS AND SAFE FOR THE GENERAL
8 COMMUNITY, COULD ACTUALLY DO MUCH MORE IN THE WAY OF PROVIDING
9 RESTITUTION AND THAT'S ONE OF THE OTHER MANY REASONS FOR WHICH
10 I FAVOR MAINTAINING PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF JAIL ON PROGRAMS
11 PROVIDED ONLY THAT THERE IS A SAFETY ASSURANCE OR REASONABLE
12 SAFETY ASSURANCE. I THINK THAT WILL ACTUALLY HELP VICTIMS GET
13 THEIR RESTITUTION FROM SOMEBODY WHO'S WORKING AND EARNING
14 REASONABLY RATHER THAN SITTING IN JAIL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ERIC
17 PREVEN AND OSCAR MUHAMMAD. AND IS OSCAR HERE? I DON'T SEE
18 OSCAR. KOREA PHILLIPS? MR. BENNY AARON? YES. MR. HAMILTON.

19

20 **DENNY HAMILTON:** MY NAME IS DENNY HAMILTON. I HAVE BROUGHT SOME
21 DOCUMENTATION THAT I WANTED TO SHOW TO THE BOARD MEMBERS. I
22 LIVE IN NEVADA. I'M JUST OUT HERE RIGHT NOW HANDLING THIS
23 ISSUE. I'M HAVING A PROBLEM WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
24 AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. SO I WAS TOLD I COULD COME HERE
25 AND GET SOME HELP. I HAVE FILED A COUPLE OF COMPLAINTS BECAUSE

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1 I DO BELIEVE THAT SOME OF MY RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED DURING A
2 COURT CASE. I ALSO BELIEVE THERE WERE SOME CORRUPTION GOING
3 ON. AND I WAS ABLE TO COME AND SHOW THE PAPERWORK THAT I HAVE
4 AND SEE IF I CAN GET SOME ASSISTANCE. WHEREVER I'M GOING RIGHT
5 NOW, I'M NOT GETTING ANY HELP.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MY DEPUTY WILL TALK TO YOU. SHE IS
8 STANDING RIGHT BEHIND YOU IN THE BLACK SWEATER THERE. MR.
9 PREVEN?

10

11 **JOHN AARON:** YES. MY NAME IS JOHN AARON. I'M A VIETNAM-ERA
12 VETERAN AND I'VE JUST BEEN NAMED THE CALIFORNIA CHAIR FOR THE
13 FORGOTTEN WARRIOR PROJECT, A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ADVOCACY
14 GROUP. SO WHAT'S BEEN FORGOTTEN? I THINK THIS BOARD HAS
15 FORGOTTEN ITS OWN MOTIONS AND ITS OWN RECOMMENDATIONS AND ITS
16 OWN LETTERS REGARDING WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WEST LOS ANGELES. ON
17 AUGUST 28, 2014, THE BOARD WROTE A LETTER TO HECTOR VELAGRA OF
18 THE A.C.L.U. TO EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT FOR JUDGE OTERA'S
19 DECISION DECLARING 9 LEASE ARRANGEMENTS AT WEST LOS ANGELES TO
20 BE ILLEGAL. YOU ALSO SAID IN THAT LETTER THAT YOU SUPPORT THE
21 ONGOING MEDIATION MORPHED INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WHICH
22 REQUIRED THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH TO
23 BOTH CREATE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE CAMPUS AND
24 TO CREATE AN EXIT STRATEGY FOR THE LEASES. ON JUNE 26TH,
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL INTRODUCED A MOTION TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE

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1 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORTING THE USE OF ENHANCED USE
2 LEASES. HER MOTION AND YOUR LETTER TALKS SOLELY ABOUT
3 FINANCING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IT DID NOT TALK ABOUT
4 REINCARNATING ONE OF THE ILLEGAL LEASES, ACTUALLY SEVERAL OF
5 THE ILLEGAL LEASES IN A SEEMINGLY LEGAL FORM. YOUR INTERIM
6 EXECUTIVE C.E.O. SAID THAT THE MOTION -- SUPERVISOR'S MOTION
7 WAS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING POLICY. COULD IT BE CONSISTENT
8 WITH EXISTING POLICY IF IT REVERSED YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
9 FINDING THE LEASES WERE ILLEGAL? AND THEN ON AUGUST 6TH, WHEN
10 THE SENATOR FEINSTEIN AND CONGRESSMAN LIEU INTRODUCED THEIR
11 MOTION, THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE LEASE FOR U.C.L.A. NOW,
12 CLEARLY IT WAS ARTFULLY HIDDEN BECAUSE ON AUGUST 20TH, I
13 TALKED TO BOTH REPRESENTATIVE LIEU, WHO SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF
14 THE LEASE PROVISION IN THE BILL HE CO-AUTHORED. AND THAT NIGHT
15 AT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OPEN HOUSE IN EL MONTE, I TALKED TO
16 VINCE CANE WHO IS THE V.A. HOMELESS CZAR WHO SAID THAT THE
17 SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WAS UNAWARE THAT THE U.C.L.A.
18 LEASE PROVISION MADE IT INTO THE FINAL LEGISLATION OF WHICH HE
19 WAS ONE OF THE AUTHORS. SO THE QUESTION IS: HOW DID IT GET
20 THERE? MY SOURCES TELL ME THAT THE TOOTH FAIRY HAD A SOLID
21 ALIBI, SO SHE DIDN'T PUT THAT IN THERE. AND I MANAGED TO HAVE
22 A FEW MOMENTS WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPRISE HER OF THE FACT
23 THAT THE STEALTH PROVISION WAS IN THERE. AND HER
24 RECOMMENDATION I SENT A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE DECEPTION TO
25 HER OFFICE THROUGH MR. I BELIEVE IT'S MARTINEZ, ASKED FOR A

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1 FOLLOWUP MEETING. MR. MARTINEZ NEVER RETURNED A CALL. SO I'M
2 HERE TODAY TO ASK THIS BOARD TO CONSIDER IN PUBLIC: ARE YOU
3 FOR THE FINDING THAT THE LEASES WERE ILLEGAL? OR ARE YOU FOR
4 THE LEGAL FICTION THAT FEINSTEIN HAS TRIED TO PULL BY TURNING
5 A FOUL BALL INTO A HOME RUN BY REDRAWING THE FOUL LINES?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LEAVE THAT INFORMATION WITH
8 THE SERGEANT. YOUR REMARKS WITH THE SERGEANT. SO WE CAN HAVE
9 COPIES OF THEM. LET ME ALSO CALL KEIRA PHILLIPS. ANDY
10 BALDENEGRO. SHELIAH WARD. WAN GI. AND ARNOLD SACHS. MR.
11 JOHNSON MOHAMMED.

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13 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK FOR THE
14 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
15 CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TODAY ABOUT RELIGION. WHAT
16 KIND OF RELIGION AMERICA HAD IN THE PAST? AMERICA HAVE FALLEN
17 BECAUSE AMERICA HAVE WORSHIPPED A FALSE DEITY. THE CURSE
18 FOLLOWED THE FALSE DEITY AND THE DOOM FOLLOWED THE CURSE. BUT
19 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IS THE WORSED DIVIDED CITY IN AMERICA
20 THAT BLACK FOLKS LIVE IN. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IS THE
21 WORST DIVIDED CITY IN THE UNITED STATES THAT BLACK AMERICA
22 LIVE IN. WE SHOULD END SKID ROW. HOPELESSNESS DOWN ON SKID
23 ROW. WE SHOULD BRIDGE SOME KIND OF POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY
24 TOWARD EACH OTHER BUT WE SHOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUES WITH
25 ECONOMIC AND RACE THAN WE HAVE IN AMERICA TODAY THAT WE FIND

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1 THAT THE BLACK RACE HAVE LESS ECONOMICS IN THEIR RACE THAN THE
2 OTHER PEOPLE HAVE IN THEIR RACE. MORE GOVERNMENT, MORE
3 INEFFICIENCY, MORE GOVERNMENT, MORE IMMORAL LAWS. WE SHOULD
4 END POLICE BRUTALITY. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO ADDRESS OUR OWN
5 BLACK PEOPLES IN A WAY THAT WE CAN CONSTRUCTIVELY CRITICIZE
6 EACH OTHER OF OUR CONDUCT. BUT THE CONDUCT OF THE BLACKS IN
7 THE SOUTH IS MUCH, MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE CONDUCTS OF THE
8 BLACKS IN THE NORTH AND THANK GOD FOR THAT.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
11 DISTRICT 3. AND I APPRECIATE WHAT THE BOARD IS DOING IN TERMS
12 OF ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA.
13 AND I THINK THAT'S THE BROWN ACT AND YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB
14 IN GENERAL OF PROVIDING TWO MINUTES ON THESE ITEMS. AND THEN
15 THERE'S A LUMP UP AT THE FRONT WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT
16 CONFUSING. I GUESS. OVER AT THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES,
17 ONE OF THE 88 CITIES WHERE A NUMBER OF THESE CHARACTERS HAVE
18 DONE TIME, WORKED THERE, THEY HAVE A PROTOCOL TO SORT OF LIMIT
19 THE PUBLIC. IT'S VERY CONFUSING. THEY PUT THINGS ON AN AGENDA
20 BUT WHEN YOU SHOW UP TO SPEAK ON IT THEY SAY WE ALREADY HEARD
21 IT IN COMMITTEE SO YOU'RE FRESH OUT OF LUCK. IT PUTS PEOPLE IN
22 A BAD MOOD WHEN THEY'VE TRAVELED ALL THE WAY DOWN THERE TO
23 SPEAK ON THE ITEM, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE. BUT THERE'S BEEN
24 DISCUSSION HOW TO CHANGE IT. HERB WESSON IS THE CHAIRMAN OVER
25 THERE AND WHAT HE HAS COME UP WITH IS AN IDEA TO PERMIT FIVE

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1 MINUTES FOR SPEAKERS WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD
2 COUNCIL SO LIKE THE ONE I'M INVOLVED IN STUDIO CITY. I'M NOT
3 IN THAT COUNCIL, I'M JUST A RESIDENT SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO
4 COME DOWN AND TALK FOR FIVE MINUTES BUT SOMEONE LIKE ME OR
5 SACHS OR ANY OF THESE OTHER CHARACTERS WOULD JUST GET THE ONE
6 MINUTE OR TWO MINUTES. SO IT'S PREFERENTIAL. THAT'S SORT OF BY
7 DESIGN. IT GIVES A PREFERENCE TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED
8 OR SORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT
9 ONLY 100 OR SO SOMETIMES LESS PEOPLE ELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD
10 COUNSELOR, WHEREAS IN MY CASE, I GOT ALMOST 3,000 VOTES BUT
11 IT'S NOT ABOUT VOTES. IT'S ABOUT PREFERENCE. SO, YOU KNOW, I
12 DON'T KNOW. I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID
13 THAT HE HAD MET WITH MAYOR GARCETTI ABOUT THE WATER ISSUE.
14 IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS MET WITH MAYOR
15 GARCETTI ABOUT THE WATER ISSUES, ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES. THERE
16 IS A SENSE THAT OUR LEADERS WHO SERVE TOGETHER ON THE METRO
17 BOARD AND IN VARIOUS CO-JOINT WHATEVER I SHOULD SAY AUTHORITY
18 GROUPS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO WEIGH IN ON THIS BECAUSE IT SETS
19 THE ABSOLUTE WRONG TONE. WHAT I WILL DO IS TAKE THE AVAILABLE
20 TIME AND SIMPLY PUT IT ON THE PEOPLE THEY LIKE HEARING FROM
21 BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME,
22 THANK YOU FOR HAVING A DEBATE WITH JUST TWO OF THE CANDIDATES.
23 THANK YOU FOR X., Y. AND Z. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP
24 THERE, SIR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS.

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3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME CLOSE THE SHOW. A
4 COUPLE THINGS. SO WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THE OLYMPICS? WE
5 HAVEN'T HEARD OF THE ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS. \$6.1 BILLION THE
6 CITY WANTS TO PONY UP FOR RUNNING THE OLYMPICS, BUT IT'S GOING
7 TO BE IN SOME COUNTY AREAS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE AGENDA?
8 I BELIEVE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS GAVE A SPEECH AND SAID THERE'S A
9 SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HALF A MILLION UNITS. THE
10 CITY'S COMING UP WITH \$6.1 BILLION. AND I'M PRETTY SURE A GOOD
11 PORTION OF THAT IS TO BUILD THIS OLYMPIC VILLAGE. WHAT ABOUT
12 THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE AT WEST L.A. VETERANS CENTER? THEN WHEN
13 THE OLYMPICS IS OVER, YOU HAVE HOUSING FOR VETERANS. NO
14 RESPONSE. WHAT ABOUT RENOVATING THE PARKER CENTER INTO JUST
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, NOT LOW INCOME, MEDIUM INCOME, SERVICE-
16 ORIENTED HOUSING. JUST REGULAR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU KNOW
17 THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF THAT. BUT NOT TO WORRY WHEN PEOPLE ARE
18 MAKING \$15 AN HOUR, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD THAT \$4,000 A
19 MONTH RENT. I DON'T THINK SO. WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT JUST
20 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. SO HOW ABOUT A SENSE OF OPINION? AND
21 GETTING TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR OF L.A.? THAT'S A REAL PLUS. I
22 DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. IT'S BEEN SITTING AROUND WITH THE MAYOR
23 OF L.A. FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS AND WHAT HAS THAT GOTTEN
24 YOU? A DISCONNECTED TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT'S STILL DISCONNECTED.
25 AND SPEAKING OF TRANSIT. I WONDER WHAT THE PEOPLE AT FAST,

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1 FIXING ANGELINOS STUCK IN TRAFFIC THINK ABOUT THE BIKE POLICY.
2 AT FART, FIXING ANGELINOS ROTTING IN TRAFFIC, WE THINK THAT'S
3 JUST PLAIN WRONG. BY THE WAY, MISS KUEHL, FESTIVE US FOR THE
4 REST OF US. NO CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO RECONSIDER ITEM NO. 36 AND MOVE
7 THE ITEM. I'VE GOT MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED. YEAH, I ASKED FOR
8 CONTINUANCE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION TO SUPERVISOR KNABE TO
11 RECONSIDER ITEM 36. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
12 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE TO APPROVE ITEM 36. SECONDED.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
16 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
18 NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
19 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION; ITEM NO. CS-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT,
20 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF
21 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION; ITEM
22 NO. CS-3 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NO.
23 CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI HAMAI AND
24 DESIGNATED STAFF AS POSTED ON THE AGENDA. IN ADDITION ITEM NO.
25 52 ON TODAY'S AGENDA HAS BEEN MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION AS

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

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5 In Closed Session item CS-1 was continued two weeks to
6 September 29, 2015.

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8 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-3, CS-4 or
9 CS-5 (Open Session Agenda Item 52).

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